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"CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF GROUND COVERED."

Important conversations continue between Mr. Miles Lampson and Mr. Eugene Chen, and much progress has been made in removing misunderstandings.

Almost Daily.
Shanghai, Dec. 18.

A Hankow message of Dec. 16, states that conversations between Mr. Miles Lampson, the British Minister, and Mr. Eugene Chen, Nationalist Foreign Minister, continue almost daily.

While naturally no official statements as regards their nature are being given out—both sides being pledged to secrecy in this connection—it is understood that a very considerable amount of ground has been covered.

The fact that each side now knows and appreciates the other's point of view on many matters regarding which there has hitherto been misunderstanding is felt to be a step towards a solution of all the complicated problems involved in the question of recognition of the Southern Government, at least towards a better understanding by each party of the precise issues involved in that question.

Mr. Lampson is expected to leave here to-morrow for Peking.

Military Situation Obscure.
Meanwhile the military situation in the North is obscure. In no quarter here, official or unofficial, is it understood. Until it develops, it is impossible to say precisely how strong the Southern position here is.

That the Southerners feel it to be secure is evidenced by the almost wholesale transference of the Kuomintang Party's records and documents from Canton to Hankow. These are coming overland.

There has also been a transference of some Government records but not to the same extent.

Five professional orators who address popular demonstrations in various places en route are accompanying the cavalcade of Party officials. Despatch boxes and soldier guards are now on the way from Canton to Hankow.

The Japanese Diplomat.
Hitherto, Mr. Saburi, chief of the Treaty Bureau of the Japanese Foreign Office, who is investigating conditions in China, has had no official conversation with the Southern Government. He has not yet met Mr. Eugene Chen.—Reuter.

RARE BOOK.

A JOHN BUNYAN FIRST EDITION.

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Rugby, Dec. 17.
The first edition of John Bunyan's "Book for Boys and Girls" was sold to-day for £2,100.

Only one other copy of this edition is known to exist and that is in the British Museum.

Romance is attached to the event. The book was with a number of others bought by a woman at Hemel Hempstead for half a crown some years ago.

It was only recently that her daughter, who is a Post Office worker, showed it to a local librarian.

He submitted it to Hodgson, the book auctioneer. Hodgson recognised its rarity and auctioned it.—British Wireless Service.

WARRANT WITHDRAWN.

The "China Mail" understands that the warrant for the arrest of Edward Zimmern, issued yesterday morning by Major C. Willson, following his non-appearance to answer a charge of assault at Queen's Pier on Thursday afternoon, has been withdrawn.

Zimmern, accompanied by his solicitor, Mr. G. R. Haywood, interviewed the Magistrate in his Worship's chambers shortly after 9.30 this morning, following which the announcement was made that his Worship had instructed the Magistrate officials to withdraw the warrant issued yesterday.

Hankow Reports.
Shanghai, Dec. 17.

It appears that a mere handful of Southerners, in plain clothes, entered Hankow on Tuesday and cut the railway early on Wednesday morning, but they evacuated the city on Wednesday night, following the restoration of communications with Shanghai when Marshal Sun

FINAL MEETING.

"At Least For Time Being."

HELD ABOARD WARSHIP.

Hankow, Dec. 17.
The concluding meeting between Mr. Miles Lampson and Mr. Eugene Chen, at least for the time being, was held aboard H.M.S. "Petersfeld" to-day.—Reuter.

Chuan-fang sent 4,500 loyal troops to Hankow to reinforce the 9,000 loyal troops there.

Marshal Sun has altogether 25,000 loyal troops in the Shanghai-Hankow region.

The report that Chekiang has declared its independence is unfounded. It arose from the doubtful attitude of 6,000 troops in Hangchow.—Reuter.

PROMISSORY OATHS.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF ORDINANCE.

DRAFT BILL.

The draft of a Bill intitled an Ordinance to amend the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1869, is published in the "Government Gazette" as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Promissory Oaths Amendment Ordinance, 1926.

2. Sub-section (1) of section 9 of the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1869, is amended as follows:—

(a) The following words are inserted between the word "Councils" and the word "shall in the first line thereof:—

"and the Deputy Clerk of Councils."

(b) The following words and signs are inserted between the word "Councils" and the word "in" in the third line thereof:—

"(or Deputy Clerk of Councils)."

3. Part II of the Schedule to the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, 1869, is amended by the substitution of "The Marine Magistrates" for "The Marine Magistrate."

Objects and Reasons.

1. Clause 2 is a technical amendment rendered necessary by the decision to appoint a Deputy Clerk of Councils to relieve the pressure on the Assistant Colonial Secretary, who is also Clerk of Councils. The intention is that the Deputy Clerk of Councils shall act as Clerk to the Legislative Council, but he might on occasion be required to act as Clerk to the Executive Council, and it is therefore convenient that he should take the oath required from the Clerk to the Executive Council.

2. The Magistrates Amendment Ordinance, 1926, provided for two marine magistrates, instead of one as formerly. Clause 3 of this Bill makes a consequential amendment which has been awaiting a convenient opportunity. At present the schedule to the Promissory Oaths Ordinance, requires only "The Marine Magistrate" to take the judicial oath. Clause 3 will make the schedule read "The Marine Magistrates." Another consequential amendment still remains to be made, i.e., in section 2 (f) of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899,

CABINET CRISIS.

Germany's Government Resigns.

A COALITION POSSIBLE.

Foreign Policy to Remain Unchanged.

Berlin, Dec. 17.
The Government has resigned owing to the Socialist vote of non-confidence being adopted in the Reichstag by 249 to 171 votes.

Later.
The Reichstag has adjourned until January 19.

The majority against the Government consisted of Socialists, German Nationals, Communists and Extreme Nationalists.

The German Nationals voted in favour of the motion of non-confidence in spite of President Hindenburg requesting their leader, Count Westarp, not to do so owing to reasons of foreign policy, as important negotiations with the Entente were proceeding, for which a stable government was essential.

The German Nationals voted for the first time with the Social-

COMING HERE?

2nd Suffolks For Hong Kong.

A GIBRALTAR REPORT.

Gibraltar, Dec. 17.
It is authoritatively stated that the 2nd Suffolks are going to Hong Kong.—Reuter.

On reference being made to the local military authorities, the "China Mail" was informed by Headquarters Office that "nothing was known about it (the cable report)." The Army List gives the 2nd Batt., Suffolk Regiment as being stationed at Gibraltar.

ists, not because they approved the Socialist criticisms of the Reichswehr, but because, as Count Westarp stated, they considered it time for many to have a stable government backed by a majority in the Reichstag.

President Hindenburg requested Dr. Marx to carry on until a new government has been formed. The German Nationals are undoubtedly anxious to participate in the new government, and possibly a coalition with them will be formed.

On the other hand the Socialists may be willing to take over the reigns with the support of the Bourgeois parties.

Anyhow it is certain that Dr. Stresemann will continue as Foreign Minister, and that his foreign policy will be continued.—Reuter.

ANOTHER REVOLT.

LITHUANIAN GOVERNMENT OVERTHROWN.

BLOODLESS REVOLUTION.

Berlin, Dec. 17.
It is reliably reported from Memel that the Lithuanian Government has been overthrown and its members arrested.

Martial law has been declared. General Smetana, backed by military forces, has taken over the government.—Reuter.

"Selling the Country."

Riga, Dec. 17.
The coup d'etat in Lithuania was carried out bloodlessly. Placards were posted in the streets accusing the Government of selling the country to the Bolsheviks and foreigners and announcing that the military forces, therefore, were temporarily taking control.—Reuter.

Det. Sub-Inspector Fallon of Yaumati, who was injured by a madman on Thursday night, left hospital yesterday. Serg. Lamprill, another victim, is still in hospital. His injuries are somewhat serious, and it is expected that he will be detained in hospital for a fortnight. Traffic Sub-Inspector Nicol also received a slight cut in the wrist.

NEW AIR LINE.

Flights to India Begin.

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Rugby, Dec. 17.
The De Havelland Hercules machine to fly on the new Cairo-Baghdad-Karachi air service will leave Croydon airport early to-morrow.

Among the seven passengers will be Air Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Branker, Director of Civil Aviation, who, after visiting India by air, will return to Egypt in order to travel to East Africa on the new

COMING TO CHINA.

The Fourth Destroyer Flotilla.

CRUISER "CARADOC" ALSO?

Malta, Dec. 17.
The Fourth Destroyer Flotilla has been ordered to China and is now taking in munitions and stores.

The flotilla will probably leave this afternoon. The cruiser "Caradoc" may accompany the destroyers.—Reuter.

experimental air service between Khartoum and Kisumu in Kenya, which is to be inaugurated next month.

The second Hercules machine will leave London for India a few days later, and a third machine, on which the Air Minister, Sir Samuel Hoare, and Lady Maud Hoare, are travelling, will leave on December 27.

World's Best Aerodrome.

Speaking in London Sir Samuel Instone had some interesting things to say in regard to civil aviation.

He expressed the opinion that the true benefit of civil aviation would be felt on the longer routes rather than on the shorter journeys.

He said that civil aviation had brought about an extraordinary state of affairs in regard to banking.

Last year £10,000,000 worth of bullion had been carried across the Channel.

Owing to the speed with which it was transported, the saving in interest sufficed to pay not only for the cost of transport but for insurance as well.

Sir Samuel Instone mentioned, incidentally, that the Croydon Aerodrome was the most perfectly equipped in the world.—British Wireless Service.

Flying In Sandstorms.

Bagdad, Dec. 17.

The meritorious performance of flying from London in a couple of 26-hour power. Moth aeroplanes has been accomplished by Captain Stack and Captain E. S. Leete, who have just crossed 86 miles of Syrian desert handicapped by sandstorms and adverse winds, each man carrying out the joint duties of pilot, navigator and mechanic, and lacking the elaborate ground and organisation which has been prepared for their forerunners flying more powerful machines.

The local air forces are entertaining the airman who will resume their flight to India in a few days.—Reuter.

Flights to Singapore.

London, Dec. 17.

With reference to the report that a fleet of flying boats will fly to Singapore and Australia next summer, it is stated that an Air Ministry project is being considered with the object of gaining further experience of the use of this type of aircraft.

The flights will be purely of a Service character. Nothing abnormal will be attempted. It is not proposed to commence the cruises before the early part of 1928.—Reuter.

M. CHICHERIN.

Frankfurt, Dec. 17.
The Soviet Commissar of Foreign Affairs, M. Chicherin, is undergoing treatment at a sanatorium here.—Reuter.

BETTER RELATIONS.

Capital and Labour Co-Operate.

INTERESTING EXPERIMENTS.

British Industrial Mission's Findings.

London, Dec. 17.
The Government industrial mission has returned very impressed with the many new experiments in the United States and Canada to effect healthier and more harmonious relationships between capital and labour with or without the trade unions' co-operation.

A noticeable feature is the large and constantly increasing amount of stocks and shares held by the workpeople in the companies with which they are employed.

Another development is group insurance under which the workers individually are insured, both sides contributing premiums.

Many of the larger plants have full time qualified doctors and nurses to attend to their workpeople gratis in surgeries at the works.

These are provided on a business and not on a sentimental ground.

The wages level is much higher than in England. Much has been done to relieve the workman of heavy manual toil.

Normal hours vary from 40 to 60 hours a week.

There have been a few strikes lately, but these are regarded as local and have not affected industry as a whole.—Reuter.

BURDEN OF TAXES.

DENMARK'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS.

NEW PREMIER'S HOPES.

Copenhagen, Dec. 17.

In the Rigsdag, the new Premier, Mr. Madsen Mygdal, outlining the Cabinet programme, stated that he would consider the principal task, the discovery of a solution of the economic crisis by reducing state and district expenditure in order to achieve a substantial reduction in taxation which weighed heavily on the economic life of the nation.

It was necessary to adapt a number of laws voted during the inflation period and during the war to present economic conditions.

Mr. Mygdal announced that he would endeavour as soon as possible to come to a definite arrangement with regard to the affairs of the Landmanns Bank and try to attract foreign capital so as to solve the question of credit. He foreshadowed an amendment to the existing taxation laws with a view to encouraging the development of voluntary thrift.—Reuter.

STOCKS BOOM.

OUTBURST OF BULLISH ENTHUSIASM.

STRUGGLE OF BROKERS.

New York, Dec. 17.

There has been an outburst of bullish enthusiasm in the stock market following the Steel Corporation 40 per cent. dividend.

The floor of the Exchange was a scene of confusion, brokers struggling to execute orders from all parts of the world.

There was tremendous buying in United States steel stock.

A series of large dividends by other concerns carried the rest of the list in spirited fashion, fanning the speculative flame of the public and a wide variety of stocks recorded sharp advances.—Reuter's American Service.

WEATHER FORECAST

"Fresh north-east winds, generally cloudy" is the weather forecast for Hong Kong and adjoining coast till noon to-morrow. For the Formosa Channel it is:—strong N.E. winds.

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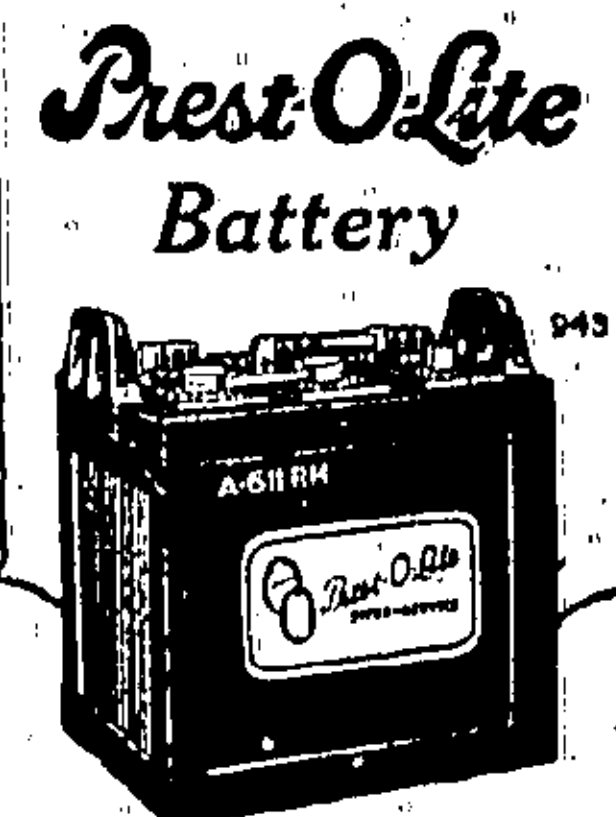
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"That the Regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles thereof."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the same place on MONDAY, the Tenth day of January, 1927, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of the above mentioned meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above mentioned resolution.

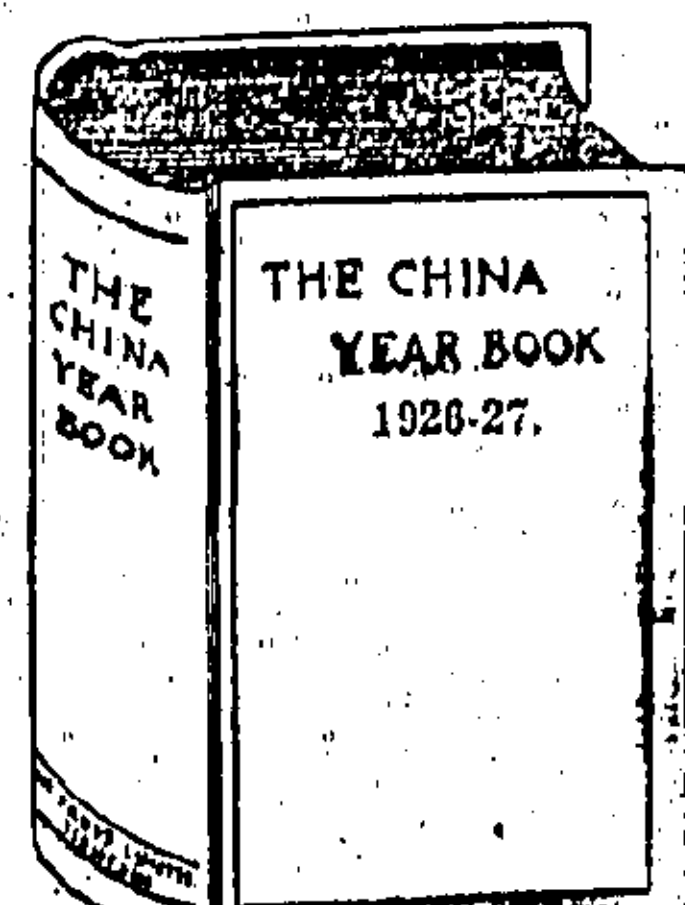
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No. 1 of 1924.

In the Matter of the Companies Ordinances 1911-1925 and
In the Matter of the Chinese Merchants Bank, Limited (In Liquidation).

Second Dividend of TEN per centum.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Second dividend of Ten per centum has been declared in this matter, and that the same may be received at my office, Chartered Bank Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on the 20th day of December, 1926, or on any subsequent day, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Upon applying for payment creditors must produce the notice sent to them together with any Bills of Exchange, Deposit Receipts, Pass Books or Securities held by them.

JOHN FLEMING, C.A., Liquidator.

19th December, 1926.

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"That the regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be approved and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles thereof."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the same place on THURSDAY, the 20th day of January, 1927, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings of the above mentioned meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

A copy of the proposed new Articles of Association of the Company with the said alterations, amendments and differences between the existing and new Articles incorporated and indicated in red ink can be seen during usual business hours at the Registered Office of the Company aforesaid.

Dated the 16th day of December, 1926.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

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WITH Reference to the Notice to the Shareholders of this Company dated 22nd September, 1926, whereby the Final Call of \$5.00 per share on the New Shares was made payable on 15th December, 1926, the General Managers, and the Consulting Committee, have decided, in view of the conditions prevailing at present, to further extend the time for payment of this Call.

Notice is accordingly, hereby given that the date for payment of the Final Call is postponed to 15th day of March, 1927, and that the Form of Bankers' Receipt already sent to Shareholders can be used as though the date named thereon were 15th March, 1927.

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hong Kong, 18th Dec., 1926.

MRS. SEMA BELILIOS, (Deceased.)

ALL PERSONS having claims against the Estate of the above named deceased are requested to send them to the Undersigned as soon as possible.

JOHNSON STOKES & MASTER, Solicitors, &c., Prince's Building.
8th December, 1926.

NOTICES.

CHINESE CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

THE OFFICES and STATIONS of the CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District will be CLOSED to Public Business on the 22nd, 25th, 27th December, 1926 and 1st and 2nd January, 1927.

F. HAYLEY BELL, Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District.

Office of Chinese Maritime Customs, For Kowloon and District, York Buildings, Hong Kong, 17th December, 1926.

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T. T. LAURENSEN, W. J. STOKES, Branch Secretary, Hong Kong, 17 Dec., 1926.

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The circus is housed in a spacious and rain-proofed matshed in Chatham Road between Signal Hill and Holt's Wharf and a visit should be paid by all desirous of seeing an evening's programme which is both novel and entertaining. There are matinees for children on Saturdays and Sundays at 3 p.m.

In addition to the items already mentioned, the patter of the clowns should be mentioned as adding greatly to the fun.

Then there are the bare-back riding of the crack Cossack riders, the acrobatics of a well-known Chinese performer and many other daring performances.

The Circus is here for six weeks after which it will proceed to Manila.

Special efforts are being made in the Annamopolis Valley to secure the best pack of apples ever sent out from Nova Scotia to the United Kingdom, from which it is anticipated, although the crop is smaller than usual and the quality varying, that, with the necessary precautions in packing, the growers will obtain better prices than they received a year ago.

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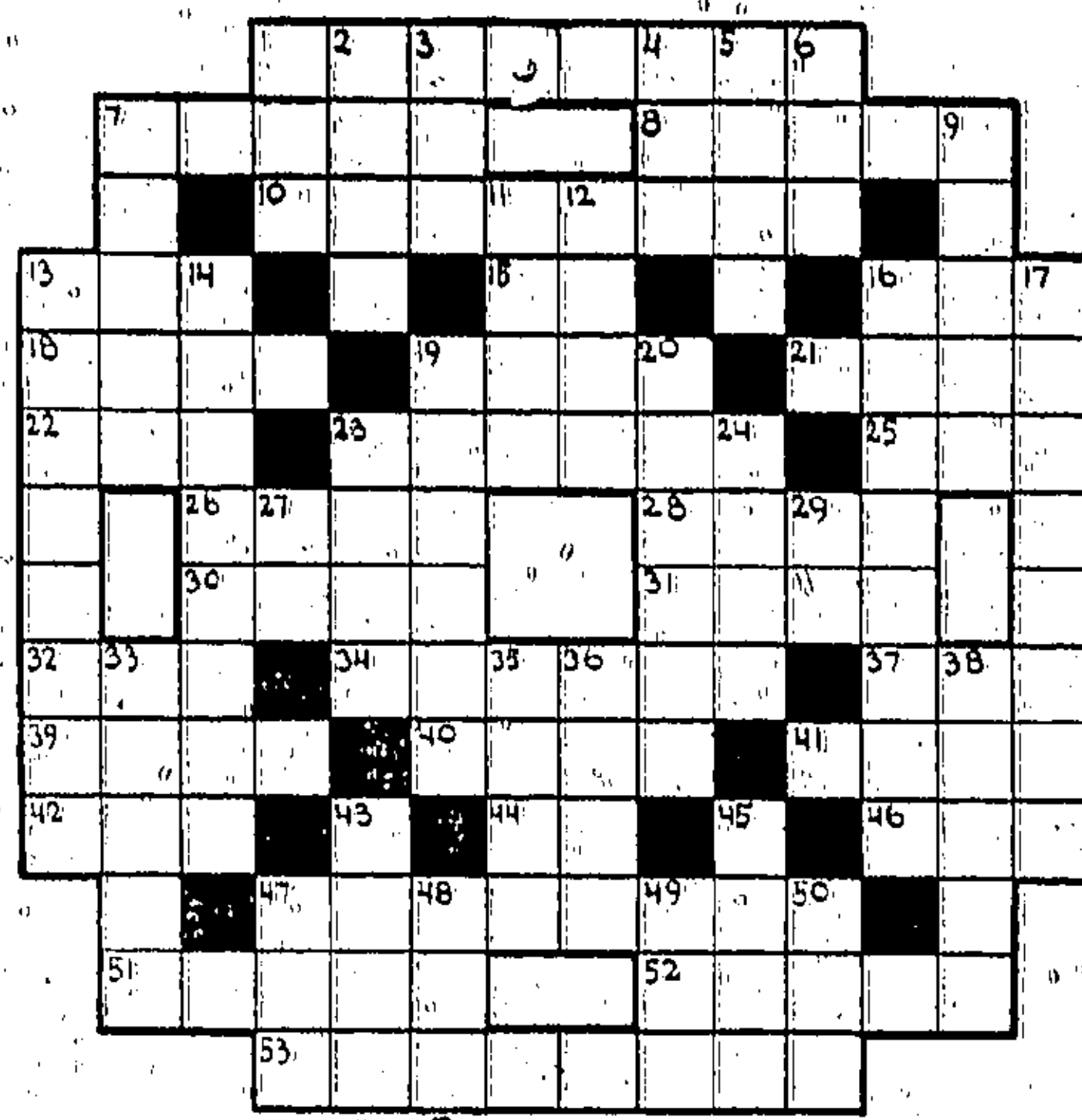
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OUR CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, play, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1—Eastern State of U. S.	30—Solitary	12—High card (pl.)
7—Garden tool	40—Warble	13—Part of body
8—A relative	41—A blow (slang)	14—Sedately
10—Enrapture	42—French marshal under Napoleon	15—A bird (pl.)
13—Little sister	44—"Under the word" (Lat.-abbr.)	17—Deprive of nerve
15—Site of U. S. Capital (abbr.)	46—Female saint (Fr.-abbr.)	19—Burns unsteadily
16—Point of compass (abbr.)	47—Dispersing water in fine particles	23—Lump of dirt
18—Apprehend	51—Plural of this	24—Variety of carnation
19—Charges	52—Arrive at	29—N. Cen. State of U. S. (abbr.)
21—Web-footed bird	53—Hardened as metal	33—Concerning
22—Scale-less fish		35—Site of famous leaning tower
23—Gnaw	VERTICAL	36—Feel a grudge toward
25—Expression of assent	1—Spool	38—Overtake
26—Girl's name	2—First man	43—Part of church
28—Railroad truck	3—A color	45—Part of body
30—Lie at anchor	4—Girl's name	47—Appoint
31—Mountain in range of Europe	5—River N. E. Scotland	48—A comment (abbr.)
32—A color	7—Glow	49—Out of the usual form (abbr.)
34—Lean	9—Attempt	60—Ramble
37—S. American plant	11—Notion	

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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MEXICO MARU Sails on Wednesday, 22nd December.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

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KORISO MARU Sails on Tuesday, 28th December.

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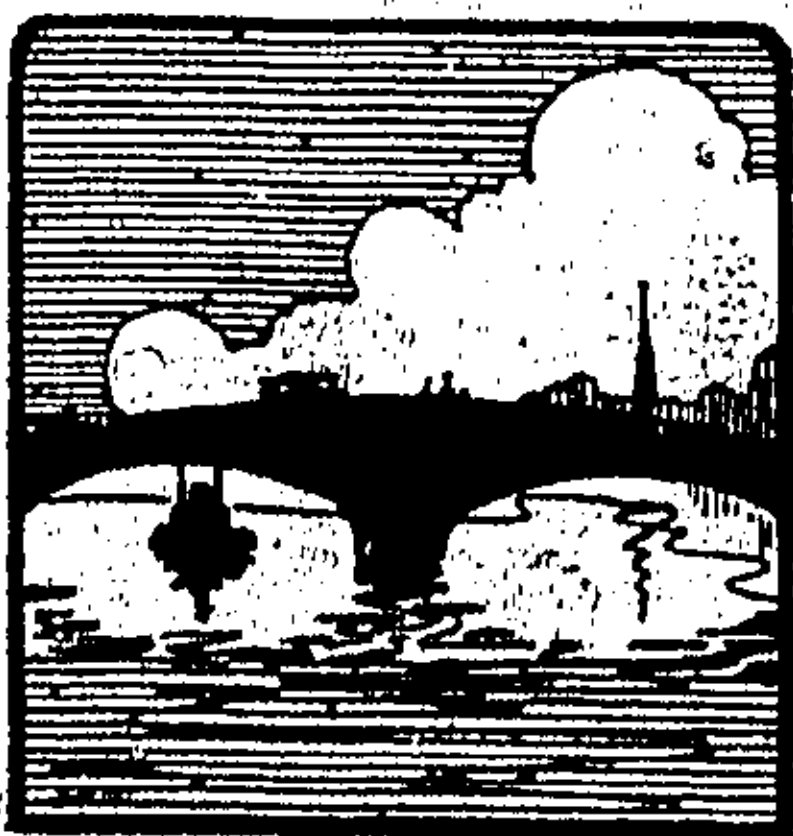
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The first work carried out by the newly formed Trust was the construction of the Prince's Dock, which was completed in 1883. Between 1883 and 1893, the Victoria Dock and the Merewether dry dock, 625 ft. long, 65½ ft. wide, and 27 ft. deep over blocks, were built. Following upon these works, the Trustees embarked upon a large reclamation scheme by which an area of nearly 600 acres was made available, and on this land, now exist large depots for cotton, previously dealt with in the heart of the city. The cotton-depot is 127 acres in area and provides accommodation for 1½ million bales in 178 reinforced-concrete, warehouses, and uncovered platform space for a further 1 million bales. As many as 27,000 bales have been dealt with in a day, and during one season, nearly 3 million bales of cotton were unloaded at the depot. A Port Trust railway was constructed, connecting the docks with the two main lines of railway serving Bombay, and is worked by the Trustees. These works were finished in 1913, and in the meantime, the Alexandra Dock was constructed and a further reclamation made, known as the Ballard Estate. The entrance to the Alexandra Dock is 750 ft. long, and 100 ft. wide, with a depth of 41 ft. over the sill at high water. Alongside, and opening from the dock, is a dry dock 1,000 ft. long, 100 ft. wide, and 36 ft. deep over the "sill." Although designed and commenced more than 20 years ago, the governing dimensions of this fine dock and pier are still well in advance of requirements. The water area of the three docks exceeds 100 acres; the quays are 23,500 lineal ft., and there are sheds and warehouses covering 3,200,000 sq. ft.

A depot for petrol and kerosene, situated near Trombay, at the head of the harbour, was constructed at a cost of £600,000, and opened in 1922. Imports, which were half a million gallons in 1918-19, increased to seven and a half million gallons in 1925-26. A deep-water channel had to be dredged to the bulk-oil pier, and for this and other improvements, and for the maintenance of existing channels, the port possesses a dredging fleet consisting of nine large modern dredgers of various types, nine steam hopper barges, and rock-breaking plant. The total area of the land estates is 1,380 acres, of which about 380 acres have been obtained by reclamation. The charge against capital for this land is the actual cost, and no allowance has been made for very considerable appreciation in value over and above the cost price. During the war, the accommodation of the port was utilised to its fullest capacity by the Naval and Military Authorities. More than 4,000 transports and hospital ships were berthed, 2,850,000 tons of military stores were handled, 1,627,000 troops and personnel were embarked or disembarked, and in addition, 245,000 sick and wounded. At the present moment, the Trustees have under consideration the construction of very large new docks farther up the harbour at Trombay, the total cost of which, when completed, may amount to nearly £20,000,000. The population of Bombay at the time it became a British possession (1681) was only 10,000. By 1780 it had increased to 113,000, and by 1838 to 238,000, while to-day it is little short of 1½ million.—Mr. F. Palmer in "Engineering."

The U.S.S. "Helena" arrived at Hong Kong yesterday and the usual salutes were exchanged.

SHIP ENGINEERS.

WHAT CONSTITUTES THE BEST TRAINING?

OLD AND NEW SCHOOLS.

The best training for an engineer is a subject of perennial interest, and the question was raised anew in a paper read by Sir Theodore Morison, before the North-East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders. We have still with us a few survivors of the old school, who were apt to declare that they would never admit a scientifically-trained man into their works. Indeed, in this regard, matters have in some cases swung full circle, as certain engineers refuse to take pupils who have not already graduated at some technical school or university. Of course, the value of such qualifications is markedly greater in some branches of the profession than in others. More manufacturers of staple commodities may find their needs pretty fully met by the records of their past experience, but those who are driven by necessity or choice into new fields of enterprise, commonly find that scientific knowledge has a very definite utilitarian value.

In this country, it is generally admitted that college training should be backed by shop experience. The arrangement of terms at certain of the Scottish technical schools affords special facilities for this. Thus, at Glasgow, the winter sessions are spent at the college and by arrangement with leading firms, students are able to spend the intervening summers in the works. This sandwich system has, we understand, proved very satisfactory.

On the other hand, Sir Theodore quoted the opinion of a Glasgow engineer, to the effect, that a youth should go first for six months into works, then take his degree at college, following up this with another three years in the shops. At the Armstrong College, the speaker said, the aim was to provide a training in the principles and theories underlying practice, rather than to spend much time on detailed descriptions of engines and machinery. The laboratories are, therefore, organised with the object of teaching the student to think for himself. The Honours degree is given only to those taking a post-graduate course, during which in addition to more advanced work on engineering subjects, the student takes up some investigation in the laboratory and assists lecturers in research work. In this connection, we may perhaps call attention to the difficulty of finding subjects for research, the cost of which shall not be prohibitive. Chemists are far more favourably situated in this regard, as the only expensive plants they require forms part of the normal laboratory equipment.

In another part of his address, Sir Theodore urged the claims of the ordinary ship apprentice, pointing out that certain boys were born with a special aptitude for engineering, and that first-class ability was not so common that we could afford to let any of it run to waste. They boy who came from an elementary school was often handicapped by the standard of general education required for passing the entrance examinations, to technical colleges and universities. At Armstrong College, accordingly, special provision has been made for the ordinary apprentices educated in the elementary schools. Apprentices of two years' standing are admitted to the College courses on passing an examination in which the language test is restricted to a translation into English of a passage from a scientific work, whilst their knowledge of English is tested by means of an essay and a précis. Moreover, apprentices of two years' standing are allowed to take the first B.Sc. examination as external students, and if a candidate can also pass, as an external student, the second B.Sc. examination, he can get the Honours degree in two years.—"Engineering."

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LOCAL MERCHANTS SUGGEST REDUCTION.

HONG KONG TO NORTH.

Through the medium of the Twenty-four Commercial Guilds, Chinese sugar merchants in Hong Kong are suggesting to shipping companies that rates of sugar freights between Hong Kong and Shanghai be reduced.

Although a great deal of Java raw sugar is now shipped direct to Shanghai—instead of being transhipped at Hong Kong—as was the case a few years ago—there are many dealers in the Colony at present who buy local stocks on behalf of principals in different North China ports such as Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin, etc.

Recently some of the shipping companies engaged in the trade are reported to have put on two increases of 25 per cent. on shipments of sugar.

On hostilities ceasing and prior to labour troubles threatening at Hankow and other Yangtze ports, there has been a steady flow of brown sugar from Hong Kong stocks. Such purchases are repacked here in standard matting bags by local labour.

On these shipments principally, traders hope to secure a reduction in freights.

BIAS BAY.

CANTON GENERAL'S PLANS APPROVED.

AUTHORITIES OPTIMISTIC.

Following the announcement of Canton's campaign against pirates at Bias Bay, the "Canton Gazette" states:

The suppression campaign plans which were drawn up by General Li Tsai-sum have been approved by the body specially appointed to consider this matter by the Committee for Political Affairs, it is learned.

Two divisions are to be assigned to the task of rounding up bandits, according to the plan, and a small squadron of gunboats will be detailed to co-operate with the land forces whenever necessary.

Aeroplane are also to be used, two having been specially set aside for the purpose of bombing pirate strongholds which are inaccessible to troops and marines. The authorities in charge are optimistic about the results of this determined campaign. They prophesy that the dens of the sea pirates will be cleaned up within three months.

FAR EAST PORTS.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended Dec. 11 reads:

Plague 5 cases at Mauritius, 4 at Sourabaya.

Cholera: 2 cases at Singapore, 13 at Haiphong, 9 at Tourane, 1 at Saigon, 2 at Bangkok, 62 at Calcutta, 2 at Negapatam.

Small-pox: 1 case at Singapore, 4 at Bangkok, 56 at Calcutta, 5 at Bombay, 1 at Rangoon, 2 at Negapatam.

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	Leave	Leave	Leave	Leave	Arrive	
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Jan. 5	Jan. 8	Jan. 11	Jan. 14	Jan. 23	
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Feb. 1	Feb. 4	Feb. 13	
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6	
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27	
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17	
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8	
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29	
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19	
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10	
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 29	

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MIRZAPUR	6,715	28th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Hamburg & R'dam
NYANZA	7,023	30th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
MALWA	10,041	31st Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KALYAN	9,144	32nd Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
DEVANHA	9,365	28th Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
MOREA	10,018	5th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
DELTA	9,007	18th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
KASHMIR	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NELLORE	6,863	3rd March	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
MANTUA	10,002	5th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
KASHGAR	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NYANZA	7,023	17th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'bay
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TAKLIVA	7,336	2nd Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TAKADA	8,049	21st Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
TILAWA	19,000	4th Feb.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & Calcutta

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

* ST. ALBANS	4,500	31st Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island,
ARAFURA	6,000	28th Jan.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, &
TANDA	6,956	4th March	Melbourne.
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ARAFURA	6,000	28th April	
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NELLORE	6,863	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TANDA	6,956	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MONGOLIA	10,504	17th Feb.	Shanghai & Kobe
NYANZA	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
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AMENDED LAW.

CHANGES IN INTERPRETA-
TION ORDINANCE.

HARBOUR BOUNDARIES.

A Bill is to be introduced in the
Legislative Council to amend the
Interpretation Ordinance. The
objects and reasons state:—

1. This Bill makes three amend-
ments in the Interpretation Or-
dinance, 1911.

2. Clause 2 adds to section 25
of the Interpretation Ordinance,
1911, a sub-section which pro-
vides that in an appointment to
an office it shall not be necessary

to name any particular individual
but that the appointment may be
of the holder of some other office

in the name of that office. The
sub-section goes on to provide

that upon an appointment being
made in that form the person who
is from time to time, for the time

being, performing the duties of
the latter office shall be deemed
to have been appointed to the for-
mer office. A particular provision

to this effect was inserted recent-
ly in the Marriage Amendment
Ordinance, 1926. Under that par-
ticular provision it will be pos-
sible to appoint "the Land Of-
ficer" to be Registrar of Marriages

and that one appointment will be
sufficient for as long as the Land
Office remains the Registry of
Marriages. Without this power

it would be necessary to make a
fresh appointment whenever a
new Land Officer or acting Land
Officer were appointed. Clause 2

of the Bill proposes to make a
general provision for this class of
case. "It is possible that the ex-
press provision in the Marriage
Amendment Ordinance, was not

strictly necessary, and it is pos-
sible that the general sub-section
now to be added to section 25 of
the Interpretation Ordinance,
1911, is also strictly not neces-
sary, but it has been thought

better to deal with the matter
expressly so as to avoid any
doubts being raised. No doubt
sub-section (1) of section 25 of
the Interpretation Ordinance,
1911, refers to references in Or-
dinances.

3. In order to reduce the pres-
sure of work on the Assistant
Colonial Secretary, it is proposed
that, while retaining his duties as
Clerk to the Executive Council, he
should be relieved of his duties as
Clerk to the Legislative Council.

There is at present a technical
obstacle in the way of this being
done, in that the Ordinances gen-
erally contemplate only one clerk
for both Councils. Clause 3 of
the Bill meets this difficulty by

providing in effect, for a Deputy
Clerk of Councils. The intention
is to appoint a Deputy Clerk of
Councils who will act as Clerk to
the Legislative Council.

4. Sub-sections (3) and (5)
of section 22 of the Merchant
Shipping Ordinance, 1899, give
the Harbour Master certain

powers over merchant ships, in-
cluding, inter alia, power to allot
berths, and power to give special
directions for typhoon weather.
It appears, however, that these
powers apply only when the mer-
chant ship in question is in a
port of the Colony, and, there-
fore, so far as the port of Victo-
ria is concerned, they do not
extend beyond the harbour limits.

Table W in the Schedule to the
Merchant Shipping Ordinance,
1899, makes Victoria Harbour a
port of the Colony, and section 39,
B (7) of the Interpretation Or-
dinance, 1911, gives the bound-
aries, of the Harbour of Victoria.

Broadly speaking, those bound-
aries, as at present laid down,
exclude everything east of a
straight line drawn from North
Point to Kowloon City, and they

also exclude a large part of the
area between Stonecutters Island
and the mainland. It has been
found in practice that ships an-
choring to the eastward of the
eastern boundary of the harbour,

being outside the harbour limits
and thus not being bound to obey
orders issued by the Harbour
Master under section 22 (5) of
the Merchant Shipping Ordinance,
sometimes fail in typhoon
weather to raise steam or take
other necessary precautions.

Such ships sometimes drag
their anchors down to the
westward into the harbour
limits and thus constitute a very
grave danger to ships within the
harbour limits which have taken all
precautions in accordance with the
orders of the Harbour Master. For

this purpose, if for no other, it is
essential that the authority of the
Harbour Master should extend to
the natural boundary of the har-
bour on the eastward, i.e., to
Lyemun Pass. The definition in
this Bill extends the harbour to
Lyemun Pass on the eastward, and
also includes the area north of
Stonecutters Island above referred to.

This amendment is desirable
also for the purposes of section 39
(18) of the Merchant Shipping Or-
dinance, which gives the Harbour
Master certain powers over junka,
lighters, cargo boats and small
craft.

5. If should be noticed that the
following results will also flow from
the proposed amendment of the har-
bour limits:—

(a) Vessels affected by the Quar-
antine Regulations in Table L in
the Schedule to the Merchant
Shipping Ordinance, 1899, if
arriving in Hong Kong between
6 p.m. and 6 a.m., will have to
anchor outside Lyemun Pass.

(b) Under Regulation 7 of Table M
in the Schedule to the Merchant
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sels exceeding 60 tons will have
to reduce their speed to 8 knots
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from the east.

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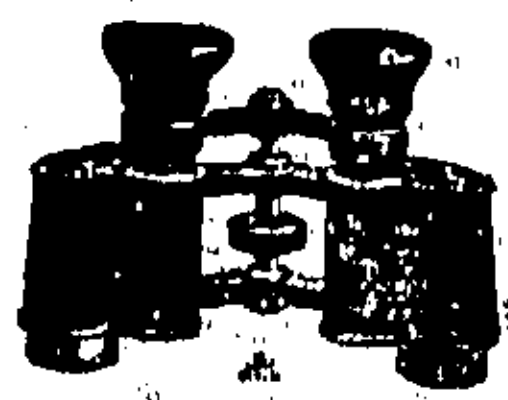
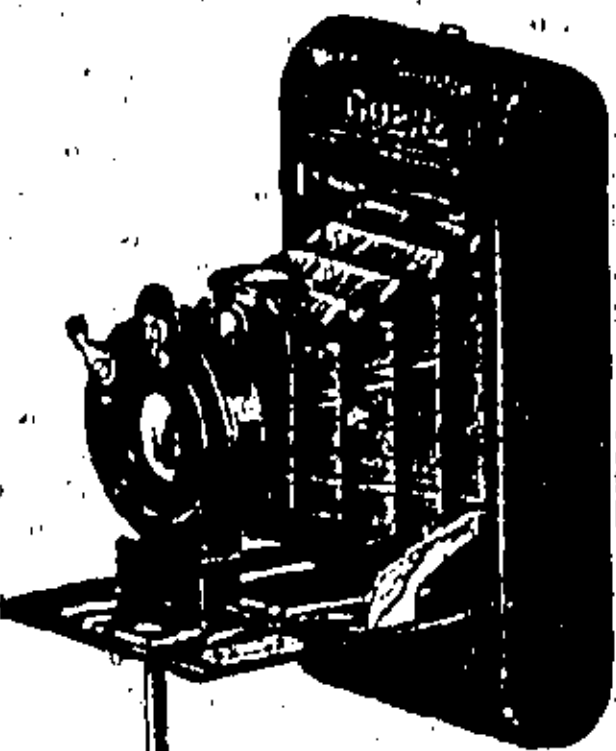
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A SATURDAY CAUSERIE.

It was as a result of the difficulties experienced during the European war in maintaining food supplies to the Colonies that the Imperial Economic Conference met and recommended that as far as possible every Colony should be made self-supporting as regards food supplies. Hong Kong, in common with other Colonies, was asked to co-operate in achieving this result, and in 1921 an Economic Resources Committee was appointed locally. The sum total of its recommendations in regard to the New Territories, the possibilities of developing which have been brought to the public notice by questions asked at the Sanitary Board, was that, whilst the ignorance and apathy of the Chinese farmers were big obstacles, better results might be obtained by securing technical advice, on fertilisation and making grants to families requiring money to start in industry. Mr. J. P. Braga is to be congratulated on keeping this matter before the attention of the Government. In spite of references in the Legislative Council by Unofficial members, little seems to have been done to carry any Committee into effect. That there are difficulties is obvious. But that these difficulties constitute insuperable obstacles has yet to be shown. The founders of the Hong Kong Horticultural Society were faced with equally as grave problems in making their show an annual feature of the Colony. Their efforts have been crowned with success. Might not agricultural and poultry shows give equally as great

a fillip to New Territories production?

The involved phraseology in which court judgments and arguments are often couched, whilst it may be necessary from the legal point of view, renders judgments and arguments more or less unintelligible to the casual reader. Those who did not read carefully the judgment on rent distress given by the Chief Justice this week in the Court of Appeal jurisdiction might have inferred that all property of the wife of a debtor is liable to seizure locally by a bailiff armed with a distress warrant. But, reading deeper into His Lordship's finding, it will be found that the Ordinance protects certain classes of property. Furniture and movable effects in a house are liable to seizure, as they are in the "apparent" possession of the debtor, but if the wife can prove by the production of a deed of gift, or otherwise, that such property is her own, then the landlord on whose behalf the bailiff acted must return the same. The mere production of receipts in the wife's name in respect of the purchase of property is not sufficient, in that the purchase money might have been her husband's and not her own. The justice of such a provision is obvious. The landlord would be in a sorry position if, in every case where he had caused distress to be levied for money owing, the mere statement, unsupported by documentary evidence, that the furniture and effects were the property of an inmate other than the debtor was sufficient to debar the landlord from realising on them. Apart from the individual merits of the case, it has achieved a useful purpose in that it has enabled judgment to be given on a point which the Ordinance seemed to have left obscure.

Few of us whose residential occupations here give greater opportunities for social intercourse and the exchange of social greetings during the Christmas season than fall to the lot of the Service men can entirely recapture the spirit which animates gatherings at home at a season which has as its chief joy that of family reunion. We are, however, in a more favourable position than those whose sources of enjoyment and sociability are confined at this season to the limitations of the provision made by public institutions and places of amusement in whatever outpost of the

Empire they happen to be stationed during the festive season. It is, therefore, a spirit worthy of the highest ideals animating the Y.M.C.A. movement and its supporters that has led the members of the European institution in Kowloon to invite as their guests on Christmas day members of the Services stationed in the Colony. If the same high ideal of service characterises the activities of each individual throughout the coming season, we may look forward to a Christmas in the Colony reflecting in a higher degree than ever before the true spirit of Xmas—that of service to others.

BANK NOTE CASE.**LEAVE TO APPEAL GRANTED.**

Sitting in appellate jurisdiction at the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon, the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) and Mr. Justice Wood, granted an application made by Mr. Eldon Potter K.C. on behalf of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, for leave to appeal against the judgment of Mr. Justice Wood in the recent action in connection with a bank note, payment of which was refused owing to its number being missing. Judgment was given for the plaintiff, a Chinese woman, whose case was conducted by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy.

Addressing their Lordships yesterday afternoon, Mr. Potter said that the decision involved a question of considerable importance to the Bank. It was also a matter of importance to the general public in so far as it was liable to affect the note issue of the Colony.

Referring to the importance of the maintenance of serial numbers, counsel said that it was a serious thing, the whole system of the Bank's note issue being based upon it. Their Lordships granted the application.

REPULSE BAY RAID.**ARMED ROBBERS KIDNAP WOMAN.**

A gang of armed robbers boarded a fishing junk which was lying at anchor between Deep Water and Repulse Bays in the early hours of yesterday morning.

According to the report which reached Aberdeen Police Station later in the day, the affair was of a particularly daring nature, the robbers not only making off with \$120 in cash, but also kidnapping a Chinese woman with a view, it is surmised, of extorting ransom from the owner of the junk.

Up to the hour of going to press, no arrests had been made.

Owing to the refusal of Senator Hardy to accept the Lieutenant-Governorship of Ontario, the appointment has been deferred, and Colonel Cockshutt will remain in office.

HALF THE COUNTRY**Effect of Victory for Canton.****LATEST WAR EXPLAINED.****All South of the Yangtse As Objective.**

(By "Li Chung-yia.")

After a month of so of rest, the Nationalist Armies are again moving forward in their campaign to unite China by force of arms.

This series of present engagements, if successful, will have the effect of giving Canton the control of all territory south of the Yangtse River which, running from west to east, divides the country into two halves.

General Chiang Kai-shek launched his expedition this year with only two provinces, to fall back upon, viz., Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

Hunan, Hupeh and Kiangsi have been conquered.

The Main Energies.

The southern half of Fukien has also been subjugated and the northern half is, comparatively, all mountainous and poor country.

Between Hankow and Shanghai (i.e., the coast) and lying south of the Yangtse are a small portion of Anhui provinces which has already been threatened by the latest advance, Chekiang province and the southern part of Kiangsu province.

It is in this direction that the main energies will be directed as it represents all that has been left to Marshal Sun Chuan-fang out of the war.

Proximity to Shanghai.

One Nationalist arm has already been stretched into Chekiang.

Another army had set out from Swatow and taken Fochow. This can also enter Chekiang from the south, but it will need to dispose of the remnants of Sun Chuan-fang's garrison which retreated into the mountains referred to.

Furthermore, the Cantonese have their strong bases in Kiangsi to fall back upon. Reference to the map on this page will show that from Anking and Hangchow to Nanking and Shanghai are no great distances.

Interior Must Submit?

Once the objectives are gained, Canton will hold all the southern half from the coast inland to the western borders of Hunan and Kwangsi.

Between Shansi and Ichang (on the Yangtse, above Hankow), the Southerners are now engaged in pushing back General Yang Sen.

Military observers predict that once the Kuomintang is firmly entrenched in Shanghai and Nanking, the subjugation of the southern interior will come automatically, without much effort, as the local rulers will swing over to the Nationalist cause to preserve their positions. They refer to the generals now in Kweichow and Yunnan provinces, and in that bit of Szechuan which lies south of the Yangtse.

Continued at foot of next column.

OBITUARY.**LOCAL CHINESE CHRISTIAN TEACHER.****MR. MOK LAI-CHI.**

The death has occurred at No. 2, Bridges Street of Mr. Mok Lai-chi, a well-known Christian teacher and former Hong Kong Government servant.

Mr. Mok died after a short illness, and the funeral takes place to-morrow at 8 p.m.

Mr. Mok was born on Jan. 10, 1888. He was educated at a private school and afterwards at the Government Central School (now Queen's College). After graduating with honours at the age of 18, he was monitor for about a year. For the next few years he was employed at the Royal Observatory, the Police Court, and the Registrar General's office (S.C.A.) In the year 1893, he started the well-known Morrison English School, teaching English and Pitman's Shorthand. This School has existed now for over 33 years. It was the pioneer of the numerous private schools that have sprung up in the Colony.

Mr. Mok was an indefatigable worker. He was for many years hon. secretary to the forerunner of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. (known as Pui To Shu Shui), and devoted all his leisure time to the American Board Mission, being a deacon and also superintendent of a Sunday School. In 1907, he founded the Pentecostal Mission of which he was the Pastor. In 1908, he published the "Pentecostal Truths," a free paper distributed all over China and abroad. For twenty years, he had used all his spare time in preaching the Christian gospel in Hong Kong and elsewhere, quietly and unassumingly.

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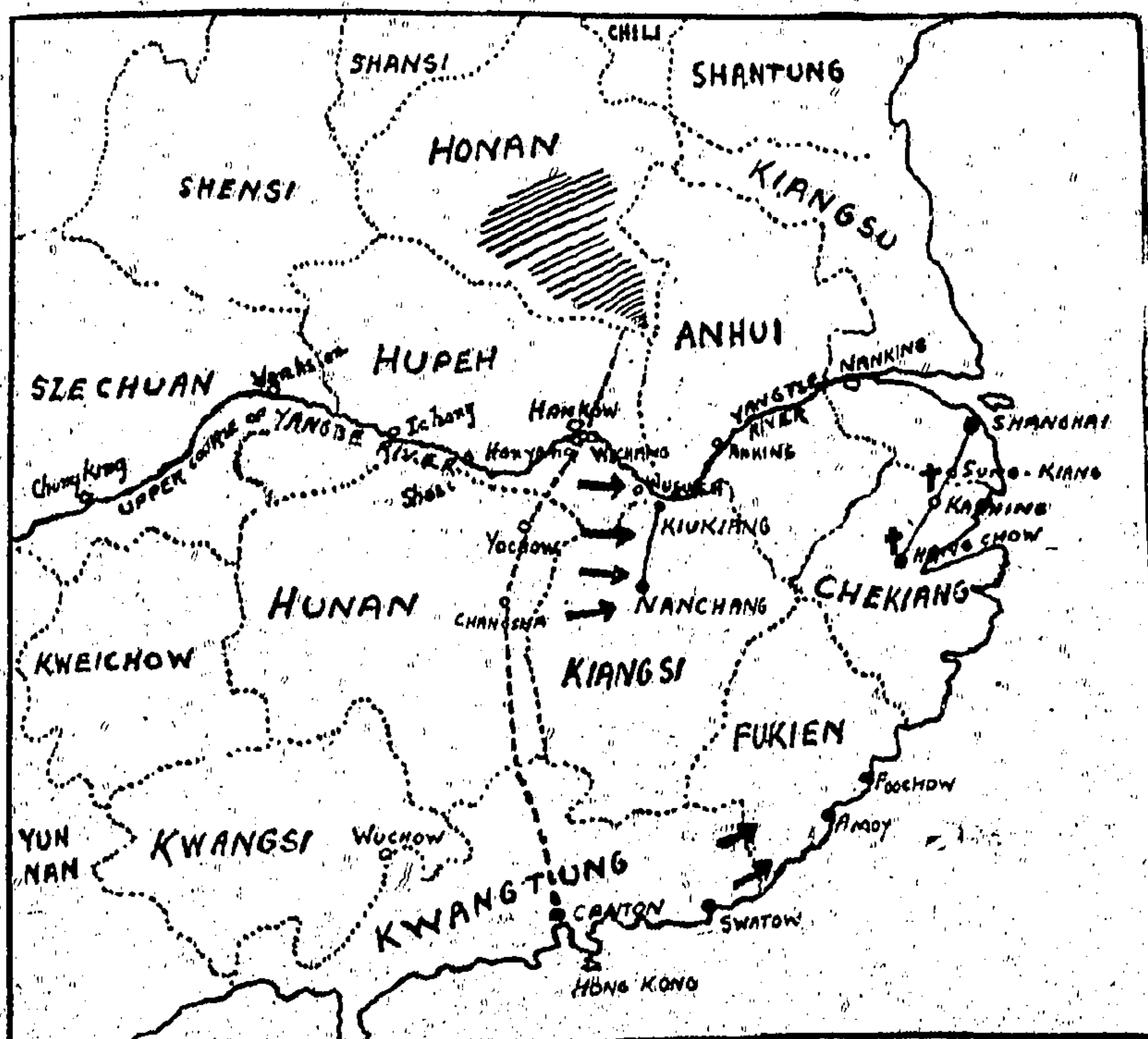
The Police Department will feel a distinct loss in the passing away of an expert in certain branches of criminology who did much to expose Triad Society documents and signs. The Chinese Tenants' Protective Association will lose in him an ex-President and an enthusiastic supporter. Thousands of his students and converts will mourn the loss of a teacher and leader, who sacrificed all his time, money and energy in proclaiming and explaining the truth of his convictions. He has passed away, but his work and memory will last forever in the hearts and minds of all those who had been benefitted by his teaching and influenced by his example.—Contributed.

Stronger Than Fengtien.

Bottled up as they are figuratively, these local generals will have no alternative.

Therefore, although Canton has still a few more provinces to capture completely before consolidating the south, there is not a great deal of country—which, however, is strongly defended—which has to be won before the area exceeds that of Marshal Chang Tso-lin's domains.

When that will be it is impossible to say. It will depend on whether Sun Chuan-fang's men will fight or surrender and whether the Fengtienites will step into the breach immediately.



The thick dotted line running out of Canton shows the line of communication northwards. The black arrows indicate the directions taken by the Cantonese when they began their offensive against Marshal Sun Chuan-fang after defeating Marshal Wu Peifu (who now holds the shaded part of Honan). Shanghai is joined to Hangchow by railway and the black crosses denote where the rival armies are situated. To the west of Hankow are Shansi, Ichang and (further up the river) Wanchow.

TRADE OUTLOOK.

China New Year Cash Stringency.

LOCAL MARKET CONDITIONS.

Winter Solstice Financial Settlement.

Pessimism, though only to a small extent, prevails in Chinese business circles over the outcome of the financial clearance falling due on Dec. 22, the day of the winter solstice, one of the four settling days of the Chinese calendar.

Even in normal times and even so under abnormal conditions, the winter solstice settlement will not be of great importance nor will merchants adhere to the rigid rule that all accounts must be paid up. But for "China New Year" (which falls on Feb. 2), some upset is felt as this is the major settlement of the year.

At all business clearance settlements since the strike set in, there has been a good deal of laxity. Those who were pressed had a good excuse, the stringency of money owing to a temporary setback in trade.

Small Failures.

Now there will be nothing to blame. It is only natural that trade will take a period of time to recover. Accordingly, money is not flowing too freely and it is thought that towards the end of the Chinese year there will be a number of failures confined mostly to smaller firms, which have overtraded in the past.

The winter solstice settlement will be looked upon as a try-out, a feeler to test the strength of firms about which connections are not too optimistic.

Money for investment is not finding its way into commerce as it has in the past, financiers preferring lower rates of return for loans on good class property. Against this there is the fact that even before the strike set in, and also in boom times, the greater part of Chinese wholesale transactions were on a cash or substantial basis.

This Year's Sugar Boom.

Take for instance the big sugar market. This year the big importers of raw stocks thought that Hong Kong prices would not be worth while. Accordingly, comparatively small lots came here, but the market kept on rising steadily. The improvement came very gradually, with hardly any setback at all, and everybody who dealt in the commodity made a profit.

This steady upward trend is more desirable than a sudden boom when somebody has to be caught in the end. That Nam Pak Hong was not fully prepared is evident from the fact that one of the biggest importers did not have even a small shipment for several months.

Yet another firm which did not think well of Hong Kong prospects diverted all purchases to Shanghai. As the market rose there in sympathy with prices elsewhere, profits were also made by this firm, but Hong Kong's turnover suffered.

Modernising Contracts.

Imports of raw sugar by Chinese into Hong Kong at the moment are all on a forward basis, buyers having to put up a cash margin and to pay cash on taking delivery. Similar tendencies in other trades to modernise contracts have greatly reduced the amount of outstanding obligations to be settled by China New Year.

Where the alarm is felt is in the direction of smaller houses, which cater for a part, wholesale and part retail business. Credit is obtained, not necessarily from the bigger houses, but in advances and in periods of grace for payment.

That when the time comes for demands to be made, more than a few will be faced with serious pressure is now predicted. But an even blacker outlook was painted last China New Year, at the height of the boycott, yet Hong Kong weathered the storm then.

CHARGE OF MENACES.

Charged with demanding \$50 with menaces, a Chinese who was brought before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday was sent to jail for six months with hard labour.

The complainant, an employee at the Kowloon Hospital, said that the defendant called at his office and demanded \$50 for bail for the complainant's brother, who, he alleged, had been arrested. Complainant replied that he had no money, whereupon the defendant said that if it were not forthcoming, the former would be killed. Witness informed the Police and the defendant was arrested.

His Worship passed sentence as stated above.

"SUNNING" PIRACY."

Evidence of Indian Guard.

A WITNESS KOW TOWS.

Certain Prisoners To Be Discharged?

The hearing of the case in which nineteen men are charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with being implicated in the piracy of the s.s. "Sunning" was continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

The Crown Solicitor is conducting the prosecution and Mr. Leo Calmado and Mr. M. K. Lo are defending the 2nd and 6th accused, respectively.

The first witness called yesterday afternoon was Karega Singh, a ship's guard employed on the ill-fated vessel. Witness stated that he was on board the "Sunning" when it was captured by the "Tigers" and that he saw the pirates looking for an injured finger which was bleeding.

The Crown Solicitor then called Chiu Ching-tong, a Yunnanese merchant, who said that the pirates took away from his cabin a number of blankets and Shanghai and French money, including nineteen Yuan Shi-kai silver dollars.

Three other Chinese passengers gave similar evidence, and his Worship adjourned the case until Monday next at 2.15 p.m.

The Crown Solicitor intimated that he might withdraw the charge against certain of the defendants on Monday as the evidence in some cases, especially that of the 16th defendant, was very weak.

His Worship: With regard to the 18th defendant, I cannot see anything against him except the fact that he was the man who went up to the Chief Officer's cabin for tooth-ache medicine shortly before the piracy began.

Mr. Holmes: I have discussed the matter with regard to the withdrawal against this man.

HANKOW DEMANDS.

RACE CLUB PROFITS TO BE TAPPED.

Hankow, Dec. 17.—The Political Bureau has demanded one fifth of the profits of the Hankow Race Club, which, as is well known, is not only a race club but also the chief foreign recreation and social amusement centre here.

It is situated in Chinese territory, a mile and a half outside the British concession, and is registered as a British company.

The Bureau also demands that the club's book be audited by the Bureau, as are at present the books of all Chinese storekeepers in the native city.

All the Chinese jewellery stores have closed down on account of the demands by the unions and the high taxation.—Reuter.

PEKING CABINET.

RECOGNITION BY THE POWERS.

Peking, Dec. 9.—Notwithstanding the fact that the formation of a Cabinet supported by the Ankuochun Army has been raised abroad, the question is still at a standstill. It appears that Marshal Chang Tso-lin considers that if a new Government succeeds the Wellington Koo Cabinet, it will still be a pro-constitution Cabinet, and that in case the Ankuochun Army has appointed a new Cabinet, it must face difficulty over the question of recognition by the Powers. Marshal Chang Tso-lin is reported to be trying to persuade Dr. Wellington Koo to maintain the present Cabinet, but he appears to be insisting on the surrender of the Government. He will remain in office as Foreign Minister.—"Toho."

CAFE PARISIEN.

A restaurant and luncheon licence for the Cafe Restaurant Parisien has been granted to Mr. S. E. Green.

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Wire	130 1/2
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Wire	130 1/2
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On Manila:	
On demand	94
On Shanghai:	
On demand	nom.
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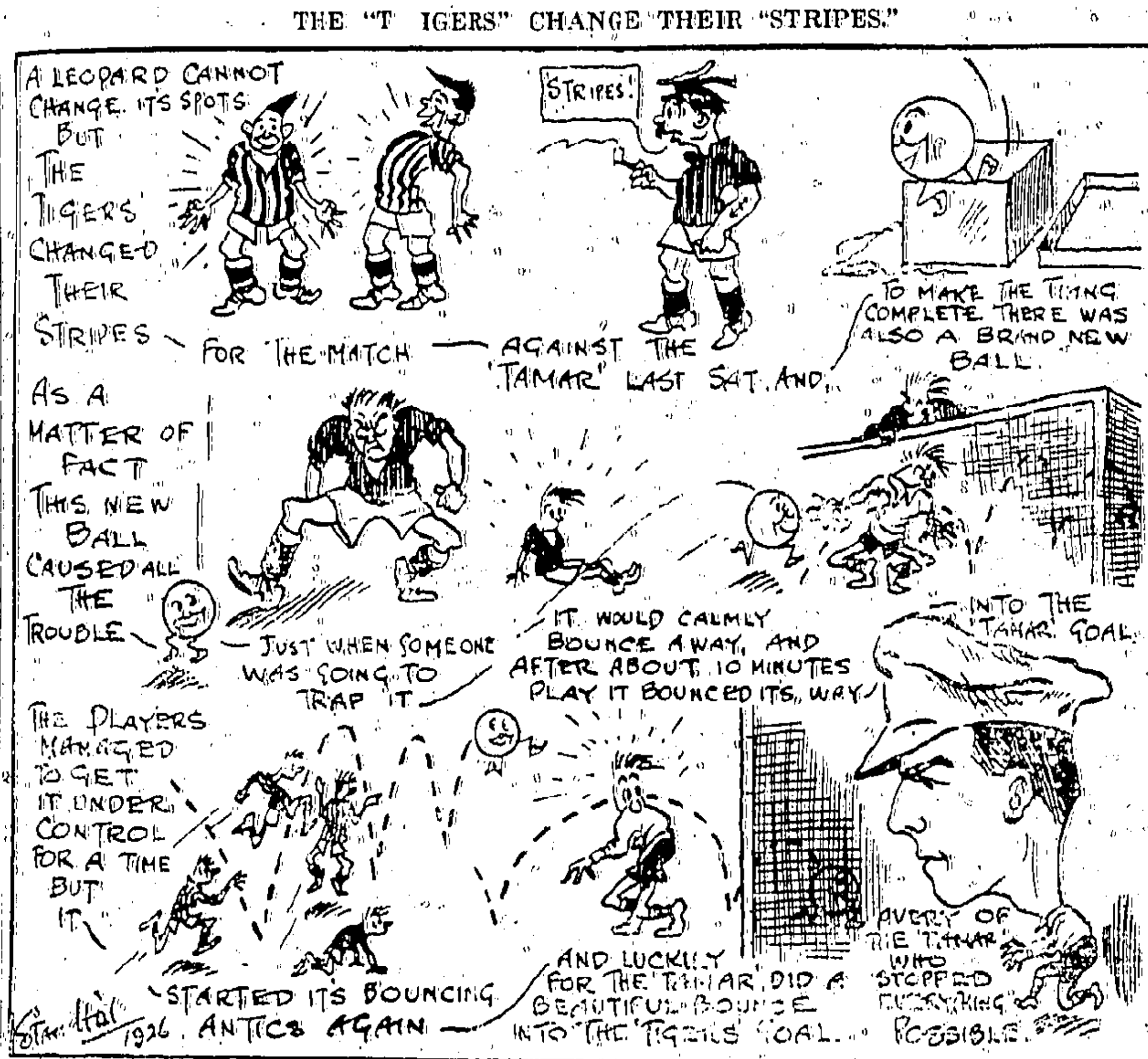
OUR UNIVERSITY.

His Excellency the Governor has nominated the following as members of the Court of the University of Hong Kong for a period of three years:

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Chinese Athletic, the new soccer organisation, were dubbed "the Tigers" because of the colours of the stripes on their football jerseys. "Against H.M.S. "Tamar" last Saturday in division 1 of the League, they drew 1-all while playing in new "shirts". The ball kept on "bouncing about" a good deal and gave rise to some of the incidents pictured by the cartoonist. Avery is the clever R.A.F. goalkeeper who was in Rowdon's champion side last season but is now playing for H.M.S. "Tamar" to which ship he is attached. He seldom plays without his service cap.

ning" on November 15, going on duty at the grille gate at noon. The gate on the starboard side was open, that on the port side being closed and locked.

At 3.50 p.m. witness was surrounded by four Chinese carrying firearms. He was then standing near the Chief Officer's cabin. His revolver and rifle were seized, and two armed Chinese forced him into the Chief Officer's cabin, where he was asked for the key of the grille gate. The key had already been taken away from him in his ammunition pouch.

Witness went on to say that he was taken to the guards' room, where he was locked up with the other three guards until about midnight, when he was taken to the poop deck and ordered to assist in the launching of a life-boat. Witness was afterwards taken back to the guards' room, where he remained until about 8 a.m.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, witness said that he had been in Hong Kong three years and that he had been employed as a ship's guard for nearly two years.

Passengers' Evidence. The Crown Solicitor then called a number of Chinese passengers, each of whom gave evidence relating to the searching of their cabins by the pirates.

Wing Siu-tsau, a woman passenger, described a quantity of jewellery taken by the pirates, but said that she could not identify any of the men.

Cross-examined by Mr. Lo, witness said that she did not know when the pirates left the ship and could not give any information with regard to the launching of the life-boats.

The next witness called was Chiu Fuk-chiu, who caused some laughter by making a profound "kow-tow" to the Magistrate upon entering the witness-box. Witness said that the man who shared his cabin had lost all the fingers of one hand.

Mr. Holmes: I have called this witness in the hope that he may throw some light upon Mr. Lo's questions about a man with an injured hand.

Mr. Lo: I am afraid that Mr. Holmes is only adding fog to the matter. The man whom I am

and, while I have my own views on the question, I would rather not go any further at the moment.

His Worship said that it seemed rather hard on the man to detain him perhaps for another week if the Crown knew that they would be withdrawing the charge.

The Crown Solicitor, after referring to the evidence against each defendant, said that he would go into the matter very carefully over the week end, and on Monday afternoon, when the hearing is resumed he would intimate against whom he would ask permission to withdraw the charge.

The hearing was adjourned until 2.15 p.m. on Monday, all the defendants being remanded in custody.

TWO YEARS' JAIL.

NINE CHINESE AND ARMS RAID.

The case in which nine Chinese were arrested on board a junk in which the police found 18 Mauser pistols and 21,000 rounds of ammunition, had its sequel at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when Major C. Willson and Mr. T. W. Ainsworth sent each of the nine men to two years' imprisonment with hard labour.

Each defendant denied the charge.

Inspector Ogg, in the witness box, said that the boat on which the contraband was discovered, was a trading junk; it had a crew of eight and was registered at Chiu Chow. The Police received certain information that between 11 and 12 on the morning of the December 7, the junk would be leaving Shauiwan with a quantity of arms on board. A party of Police went to Sai Wan Bay where the junk was found with all the occupants, with the exception of a young boy, asleep. After securing the men, the Police discovered the arms hidden in various parts of the junk.

Their Worships passed sentence as stated.



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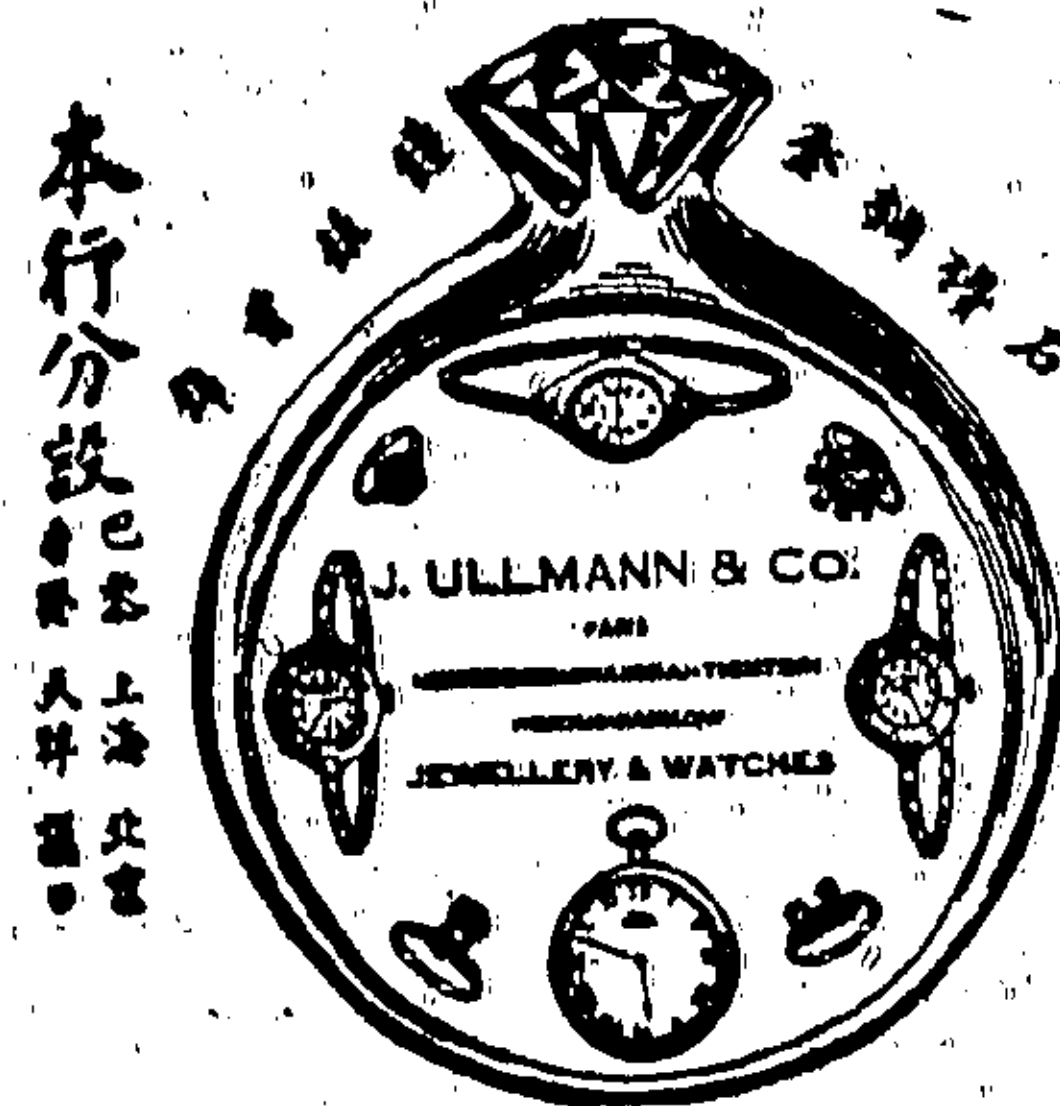
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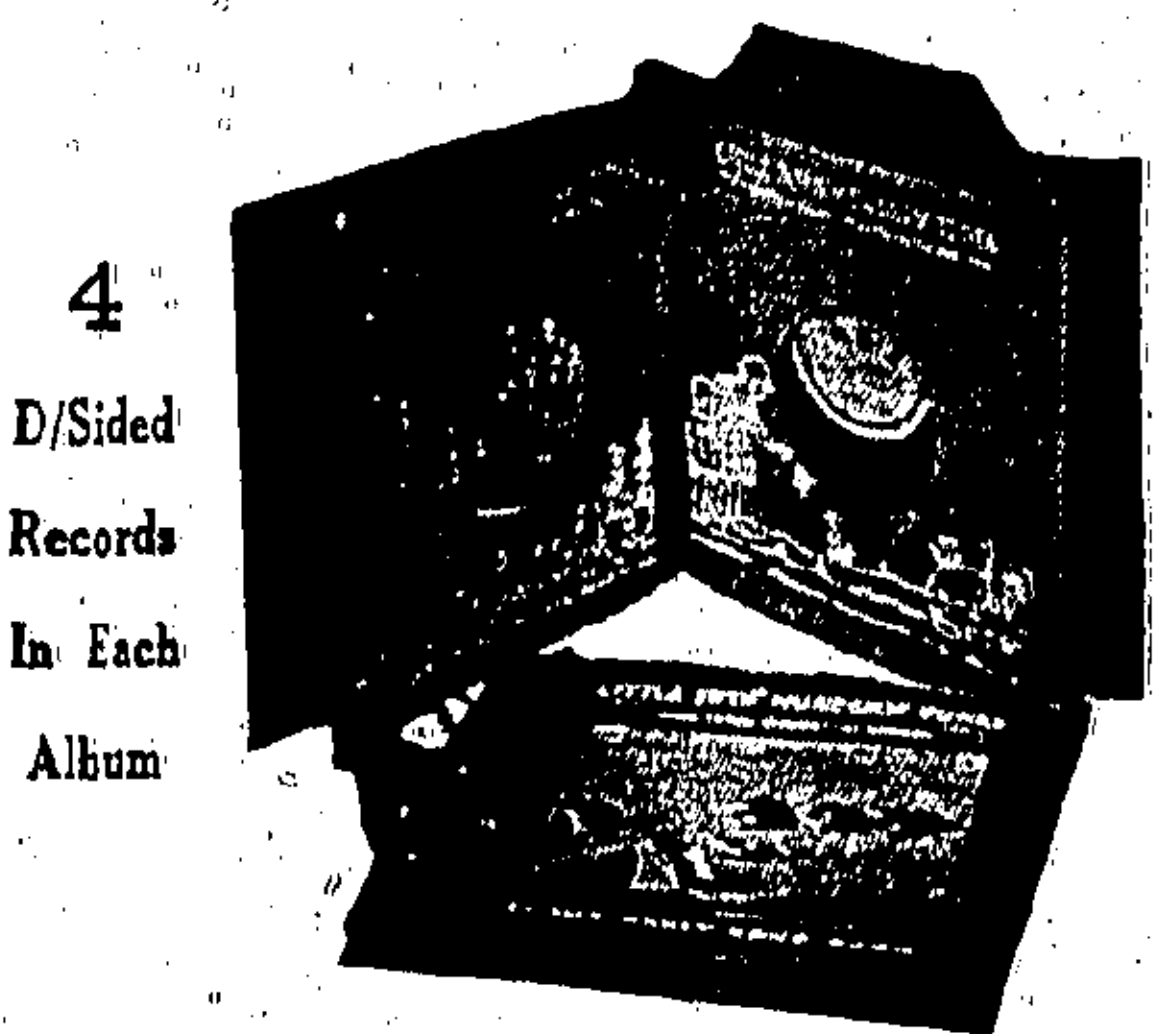


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1 pt. D.O.M.	2 qts. St. Julien Claret
1 qt. Burgundy	1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin
1 qt. Martell's XXX Brandy	1 qt. Vino de Paste Sherry
2 qts. King George IV W.L. or Perfection Whisky	1 phial Pomeranzen Bitters

No. 3 HAMPER—\$30.

1 qt. Burgundy	1 qt. Engrand's XXX Brandy
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1 pt. D.O.M.	1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin
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A Reuter cable from the Hague
announces the death of Dr.
Dresselhuys, the leader of the
Dutch Liberals.

The Chinese Press in Han-
kow reports that five deputies and
soldiers have been despatched by
the authorities to Ta-Yeh for the
confiscation of the Foo Hwa and
Foo Yuen coal mines.

On Dec. 9 some soldiers pre-
sented themselves at the Tung
Wen College, near the railway,
Hankow, and demanded the occu-
pants to yield up the residence at
once for the occupation of troops.

The wedding of Mr. R. L. Read
(of Shanghai) and Miss J. V.
Fleming is to take place at St.
John's Cathedral at 2.30 p.m. to-
day. Friends are cordially wel-
come—also at the reception at No.
106, the Peak (residence of Mr.
John Fleming).

Prior to leaving Manila on the
"President McKinley" for Hong
Kong, en route to Shanghai, Dr.
C. T. Wang (ex-premier of China
and President of the Amateur
Athletic Federation of China) was
entertained at a farewell banquet
at the Manila Hotel by Mr. Lingoh
Wang (Consul-General). A num-
ber of prominent Chinese and
foreign friends of the diplomat
were at the pier to bid him and
his family good-bye.

Fifty coolies employed on the
lumber yard of the N. V. Maats-
chappij Tot Mijn Bosch en Land-
bouw Exploitatie in Langkat,
787A Ward Road, Shanghai,
struck work at 10 a.m. on Dec. 9,
and enforced a demand that a
gratuity of \$150 be given to the
family of one of their colleagues
who died from the injuries re-
ceived accidentally in the course
of his work. They, however, re-
sumed unconditionally next morn-
ing.

Acting on instructions from
the headquarters of the Woosung
and Shanghai Constabulary, a
party of Chinese detectives and
constables raided the new pre-
mises of the Shanghai General
Labour Union, 14 Ching Yuen-li,
Chapel, on Dec. 8, and seized a
quantity of account books and
documents which, however, did
not contain any information of
importance. The new offices were
opened on November 30, with the
object of resuming subversive
propaganda. For the third time
the premises have been sealed up.

Mr. Thomas Steep, correspondent
of the New York "Herald-Tribune,"
is confined to his home suffering
from a severe cold.

The local office of the Chinese
Maritime Customs (for Kowloon
district) will be closed on Dec. 22
(winter solstice festival), 25, 27,
and Jan. 1 and 2.

The Bishop of Victoria will
administer the rite of Confirma-
tion during the course of Even-
song at St. John's Cathedral to-
morrow evening.

Reminder: second and concluding
stage of St. John Ambulance
Brigade annual inter-division com-
petition for "Ralphs" Shield on
Murray parade ground at 9.30 a.m.
to-morrow.

Christmas services at St.
Peter's Church, West Point, will
commence with a midnight com-
munion and carol singing com-
mencing at 11.30 on Christmas
Eve. (Friday).

To-morrow being the Sunday
after his arrival in the Colony
upon appointment as assistant
priest at St. Andrew's Church,
Kowloon, the Rev. W. W. Rogers,
M.A., will occupy the pulpit at
both services.

Messrs. H. Ruttonjee and
Son have kindly sent to the
"China Mail" a bottle of "B star"
Augier Freres and Co.'s Cognac
brandy which is up to very high
standards and can be safely re-
commended. The manufacturers
have produced a dainty illustrat-
ed booklet with a wealth of in-
formation for the layman as to
the history of the trade and de-
tails of production.

The German A.D.C. players in
Shanghai are busy at work on two
productions, the first of which will
be Christmas pantomime of "Cin-
derella" to be given at the Lyceum
Theatre on December 22 and 27 at
5.30 p.m. for the small folk of
Shanghai. The next performance
is announced for January 10, at the
Lyceum Theatre when three one-act
comedies by Curt Goetz will be pre-
sented—"Der Hund im Hirt", "Die
Tante in der Hand", and "Die Tote
Tante".

Memorials of Re-entry by
the Crown on Kowloon Inland
Lot No. 1794 and Kowloon Inland
Lot No. 1825 have been register-
ed according to law.

Two cases of enteric fever
(typhoid) from the city district
and one of diphtheria from Kow-
loon were reported to the Medical
Officer of Health on Friday, the
patients all being Chinese.

It is notified for general in-
formation that on and after Mon-
day the offices of the Imports and
Exports Department will be in the
Fire Station Building, Con-
naught Road side, ground and
second floors.

Late cars will be available at
ten minutes' notice on the Peak
Tramway as from December 20.
Times and fares are announced
by Messrs. John D. Humphreys
& Sons (general managers) in
an advertisement on page 12.

At a meeting of the St.
Vincent de Paul Society held at
the Italian Mission on Thursday
night, Chev. J. M. Alves stated
that the gross receipts of the re-
cent bazaar would exceed \$22,000.
He paid a tribute to the work
done by the Chinese ladies.

At the conclusion of the even-
ing service at St. Andrew's
Church, Kowloon, to-morrow,
there will be a social hour in the
Church Hall, commencing at 7.15
p.m. Service men are especially
given a cordial invitation to
attend.

Many Portuguese residents
and their friends attended the in-
formal reception of the Lusitano
Club yesterday on the occasion
of the Club's diamond jubilee
(60th anniversary). The Lyric
orchestra provided the music for
the impromptu dances.

The Offices of the Supreme
Court will be open daily from 10
a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Christ-
mas Vacation, except on Public
and General Holidays, when the
offices will be entirely closed, and
on Saturdays, when they will be
open from 10 a.m. to noon, sub-
ject, however, to the provisions
of section 5 of the Supreme Court
(Vacations) Ordinance, 1898, so
far as it relates to the Criminal
Sessions. The Christmas Vac-
ation will commence on the 24th
instant and terminate on January
1 (both days inclusive).

The cancellation of the
Memorial of Re-entry on Kow-
loon Inland Lot No. 1870 has
been registered according to law.

The Treasury of the Finan-
cial Committee has been instruct-
ed by the General Director to
transport 250,000,000 copper
coins to Kiangsi for the relief of
the money market there.

Tested by their ability to
vary methods and adjust charges
so as to accommodate customers,
State railways everywhere lag be-
hind railways in the hands of pri-
vate enterprise.—Sir Lynden
Macassey.

The total proceeds of the
annual sale of work at the
Union Church, Shanghai, were
\$4,999.50, and this amount will be
divided between the Limbless
Soldiers and Sailors and the
Church Funds.

Thus the "Shanghai Times"
of Dec. 9:—King Winter treated
passengers arriving on the
steamer "President Taft" to some
brisk weather yesterday and
heavy overcoats and furs were in
order. "Coldest weather we've
ever run into in Shanghai" was
the opinion of a number of cabin
passengers who have visited here
at other times.

Although Inspector H.
Brewster-Gow, Health Depart-
ment, Shanghai Municipal Coun-
cil, said to the Court that he was
pretty sure the milk supplied to
the Astor House was adulterated
to such an extent that it could not
be used as food, the Chinese
chairman was discharged owing
to the lack of evidence, although
he was warned that in future a
more strict measure will be taken
and was duly cautioned by As-
sessor Bucknell and Magistrate
Kwan, at the Mixed Court.

Says the "Shanghai Times"
of Dec. 8: The Charleston, that
eccentric version of the light
fantastic—admittedly more fan-
tastic than light, is apparently
gaining in popularity in Shang-
hai. Last night, for instance, on
the ball-room floor of a rather
dignified hotel where fantastic
dancing is rather frowned upon,
no less than six couples all well-
known in Shanghai, were execut-
ing the somewhat intricate steps
of the Charleston. The Charles-
ton, incidentally, has been more
or less popular for more than two
years.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

The Rev. W. Walton Rogers
will preach his first sermons at
St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon at
the morning and evening services.

Many foreign diplomats attend-
ed the ninth celebration of the an-
niversary of the Soviet Republic
at the London Embassy, but M.
Krassin was ill and unable to
attend.

St. Andrew's Church (Kow-
loon) confirmation classes are
down to be held at 10 a.m. to-
morrow, as follows:—girls, in the
Church Hall; boys in the
Vicarage.

Dr. Anne Walter Fearn who is
at present in Peking is planning
to return to Shanghai in about two
weeks after which she will leave
for America by way of Europe.
She will be accompanied by her
niece Miss Edgar, of Memphis,
Tenn., who has been her guest for
several months.

Miss Helen Shirdan has left
Shanghai for Tsingtao on a visit
to friends. She will return to
Shanghai for Christmas.

Mr. S. Ukita, ex-Consul-General
for Japan to Singapore, has been
appointed administrative officer of
the Imperial Household Depart-
ment.

Miss Cars Leonard who has been
visiting the Far East in the inter-
ests of the Frankel Carbon and
Ribbon Mfg. Co., of Denver,
Colorado, is leaving Shanghai on
Dec. 9 for America aboard the str.
"President Madison."

Mr. Victor Kopp, Soviet Am-
bassador to Japan, who is now in
Moscow on furlough has decided
to resign due to the prolonged
illness of Mrs. Kopp, according to
a report in the Yomiuri. It is
understood that Mr. and Mrs.
Kopp will leave for Southern
Russia for a change of air in the
near future.

MILITARY WEDDING AT CATHEDRAL.



Photo by King Hong.
Group photo taken at Headquarters' House this Thursday after the
wedding at St. John's Cathedral of Major G. E. Pompon, R.A.S.C. and Mrs.
Gladys Mary Smith. Left to right:—The G.O.C., Major-General C. C.
Isard, C.B., C.M.G., who gave the bride away, the bride, the Rev. H. V.
Copley Moore, M.A. (Cathedral Chaplain who officiated), the bridegroom,
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SPORTS SECTION

TIPS FOR TO-DAY.

Steeplechase Selections Simplified?

SUNBURST ROSE'S CHANCES.

Open Handicap Now Not So Complicated.

(By "Patrol.")

My job as a tipster for to-day's steeplechase meeting of the Fanling, Hunt at Kwant is simplified on the one hand by the reported withdrawal of a trusty steed in Cheriton Vale, but difficulties are added by the threat of rain which, at the time of writing, is no more than a drizzle.

Unless heavy showers intervene, the course is not likely to cut up badly, as it has been in fine condition.

Sunburst Rose—considered the good thing of the day if started in either the 2nd or 3rd race—showed great dislike for muddy going on the flat. My opinion is that rain will make the chances more open. If kept close behind the leader, this pony can beat the field easily on the fast stretch, but I have doubts as to his beating Reynolds, unless handled with the utmost resource.

I am told that Reynolds will be sent for either the 2nd or 3rd race, in preference to Sunburst Rose. But there are quite a number of punters who "would" like to see Reynolds jump together and not a few will pin their faith on the more experienced pony.

Two Good Things?

With Cheriton Vale out of the way, the Open Handicap (2nd race) is now not so complicated. If both Sunburst Rose and Reynolds run in this event I shall look to Reynolds winning.

Mowgli looks a good thing in the 4th race. The 1st is fairly open. Rothsay will be making his debut over the sticks and may bring off a surprise or finish nowhere. In Mr. Reidy's safe hands, he should be in at the death.

On the form of the previous meeting, The Golden Pheasant is quite safe for the last race of the day.

Unless there is a "hot" favourite, I do not anticipate much place betting. Owing to the possibility of confusion through not knowing the exact starters, my selections for "places" should be read in conjunction with the notes.

1st race, Maiden Plate, 1½ miles. October to win. New York and Drake are untrustworthy but should get places (if the field is big enough) and Two Pairs is the best of the outsiders.

2nd race, Open Handicap, 1¼ miles. Reynolds to win. In his absence, then Mr. Reidy's mount which may be Rothsay or Isostacy. Sunburst Rose is, of course, the great danger. Not having seen him race over the country, I recommend leaving this event alone. If you must back Sunburst Rose, do so early and bet for a drizzle.

TO-DAY'S RACE TRAIN.

Special train for the Fanling steeplechases leaves Kowloon station at 2.07 p.m. to-day. Return fares:—1st class \$1.50, 2nd class 90 cents. Last ferry from Hong Kong (preferably) 1.55 p.m.

a win in preference to a place.

3rd race, Christmas Steeplechase, 2 miles. Reynolds to win (if not started in race 11). My remarks as to Sunburst Rose also apply here. If both are absent, James Pigz might just beat Mr. Reidy's mount.

4th race, Owners' Steeplechase, 1¼ miles.

Mowgli to win. Country Mouse may be worth backing for a place if there are sufficient starters but Kwan Tao and Craigavad will have more support.

5th race, United Services, 1½ miles. The Golden Pheasant to win. Chessman for a place.

SUBSCRIPTION GRIFFINS.

The Hong Kong Jockey Club subscription griffins are due to arrive here to-day (for the spring annual "race" meeting). These ponies will be drawn for at the Jockey Club stables, Causeway Bay, on Monday afternoon.

HOME RUGGER.

LATEST RESULTS AHEAD-OF THE MAIL.

London, Dec. 1. Results of matches played under Rugby union rules to-day are as follows:—Devon 0, Royal Navy 5, (at Devonport).

Oxford 'Varsity 29, Bristol 9, (at Manchester). In the rugby county championship, Hampshire beat the Eastern Counties by 30 points to 6, at Portsmouth.

Light Blues Win. London, Dec. 2. Results of rugby Union matches played to-day are as follows:—

Newport beat Guy's Hospital by 17 points to 9. Cambridge University beat Coventry by 21 points to 6.

In the county championship, Kent beat Middlesex by 26 points to 18.

Maoris' Clever Victory. Manchester, Dec. 1.

In their last match before returning to France, the Maoris cleverly defeated Lancashire by 11 points to 6.

Five minutes after the start, Falwasser scored a try, and Love converted.

Peiham then scored an unconverted try.

Splendid work by the pack earned Lancashire a try through Wilson.

At half-time the score sheet read:—Maoris, 8 points; Lancashire, 5 points.

As the result of a fine individual effort, Robinson scored a try for the Maoris. Their margin was reduced by a penalty goal scored by Ogden. The Maoris set a fast pace and Phillips was the keystone of their strong defence.

SCOTLAND'S CHOSEN XI.

London, Dec. 2. The Scottish amateur "soccer" team selected to play against England at Leicester on Dec. 18 (to-day) is as follows:—

Harkness (Queen's Park); Hay (Queen's Park); Wiseman (Queen's Park);

McDonald (Queen's Park); Gillespie (Queen's Park); Lt. Briggs (Woking);

Crawford (Queen's Park); Noble (London Caledonians);

McBain (Queen's Park); Roxburgh (Sheffield United); Jessiman (Arthurlie).

SUSPENDED!

SEQUEL TO R. A. SOCCERITES' WALK-OFF.

Leach, the captain of the Royal Artillery senior soccer XI and Whittington, another member of the team, have been suspended by the Hong Kong Football Association.

For ordering his team to withdraw from the field five minutes before the end of their League match with the Police last Saturday (when he did so as a protest against not getting a penalty), Leach was suspended for the rest of the season.

Whittington was suspended for eight weeks for ungentlemanly conduct in threatening the referee. A meeting was held yesterday by the Emergency Committee of the H.K.F.A. and the Army Command Football Committee.

The Royal Artillery representative tendered an apology and said that the incident was very much regretted. Steps will be taken to prevent a recurrence.

PAPER CHASE CUP.

Mrs. R. J. Paterson has presented a cup to the Fanling Hunt for a paper chase on Monday, Dec. 27, in the afternoon.

Mrs. Paterson will lay the paper herself and intending competitors should communicate with Mr. W. T. Stanton.

EDDIE EAGAN BACK.

Mr. "Eddie" Eagan, the Dark Blue and amateur heavyweight boxing champion of the world, returned to Hong Kong yesterday on the "President McKinley," after a brief visit to Manila.

Mr. J. Brook, the manager of the H.K.B.A., has made arrangements for Mr. Eagan to train at the Police gymnasium under Mr. Hunt. Helpers will include Stoker P. O. "Jim" Carbridge, Stoker Reynolds and Marine Strathfield. Mr. Eagan went into the gymnasium at 10 this morning and will be at work again at 4 p.m. to-morrow.

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP.

In the final of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club Championship, I. W. Shewan and T. D. E. Pendered play off to-morrow at Fanling, starting at 9.20 a.m.

HOME BOXING.

VICTORIES FOR MILLIGAN & PHIL SCOTT.

Edinburgh, Dec. 1. In a 20-round boxing contest at 12 st. 8 lbs. for £250 aside, Tom Milligan, the middle-weight champion, outpointed Tom Berry, the cruiser-weight champion. The latter had the advantage of seven pounds. Milligan overwhelmed him in the early stages and led slightly at the half-distance. He gained the verdict comfortably.

K.O. in First Round.

London, Dec. 2. In a 15-round boxing contest at heavy-weight in London, Phil Scott (British heavy-weight champion) knocked out the Frenchman, Luneau, in the first round.

A FINE SPORT.

New York, Dec. 16. The Secretary of the United States Lawn Tennis Association said that Mr. W. A. Larned during the past six months had been paralysed from the waist down. He had been in great agony.

Mr. Larned served in the Flying Corps during the war and also in Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's "Rough Riders" in the Spanish American war. He was a crack rifle shot and a fine hockey player as well as a keen rider to hounds.

His tennis career was unparalleled in the annals of American sport. He was the first of the modern hard hitters and volleyers to establish his supremacy on the court.—Reuter's American Service.

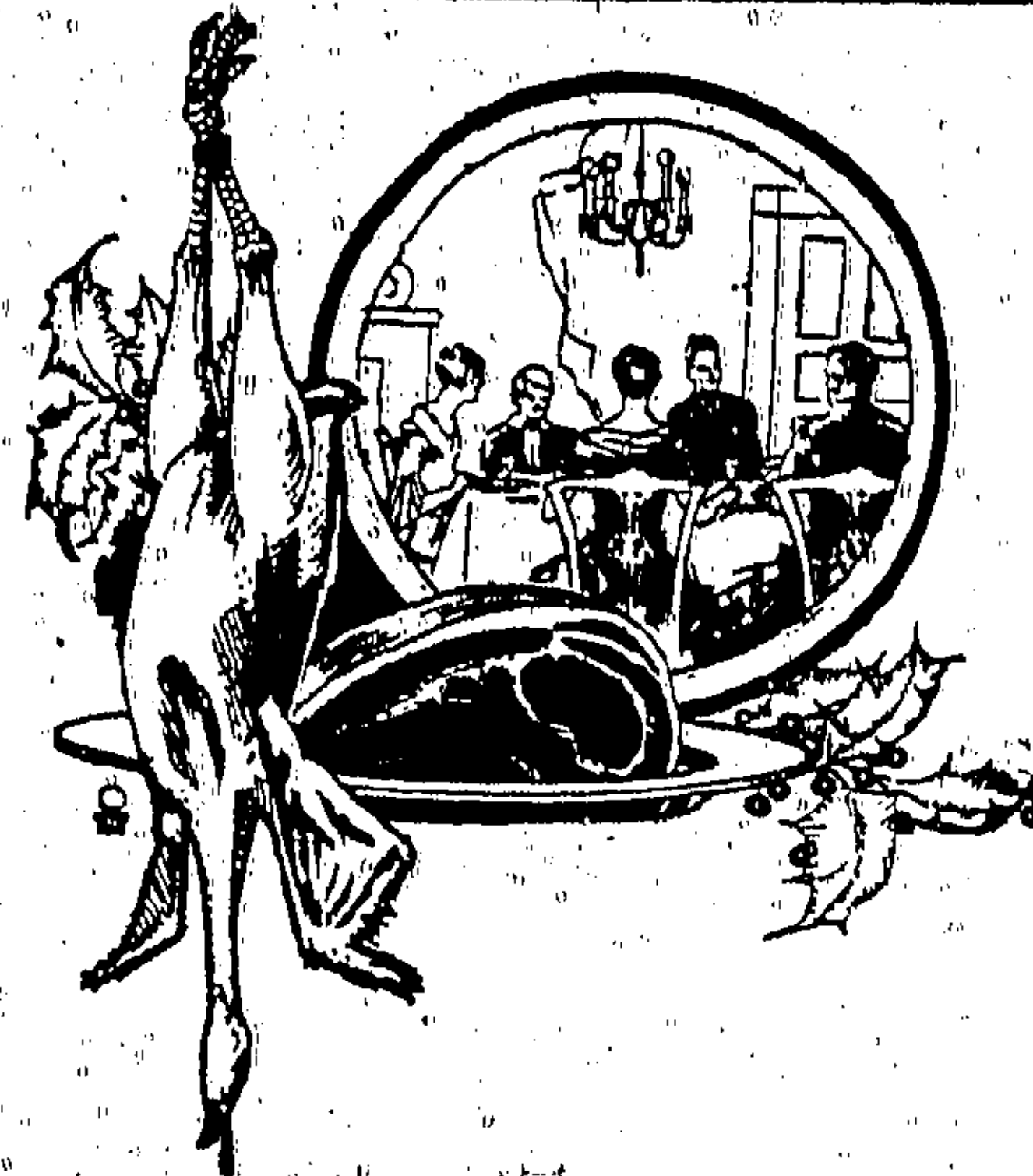
HOCKEY MATCHES.

After being a goal up at half time, the University could only draw with Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" yesterday on the 'Varsity (soccer) ground. Uovers equalising for the Hockey Club.

On Thursday, the Club drew 2-1 with H.M.S. "Hermes" at King's Park. All the scoring was in the second half and the "Hermes" got both their goals before Slipper and Wheeler replied.

In their League (away) cricket match v. Indian R.C. 2nd XI this afternoon, the Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI has been selected as follows:—P. Jacks (captain), H. H. Benson, M. D. G. Hoare, F. B. Jones, R. W. Lee, L. M. S. Lloyd, A. K. Mackenzie, F. H. Orr, H. K. V. R. Stevenson, R. A. Wadeson and A. N. Other.

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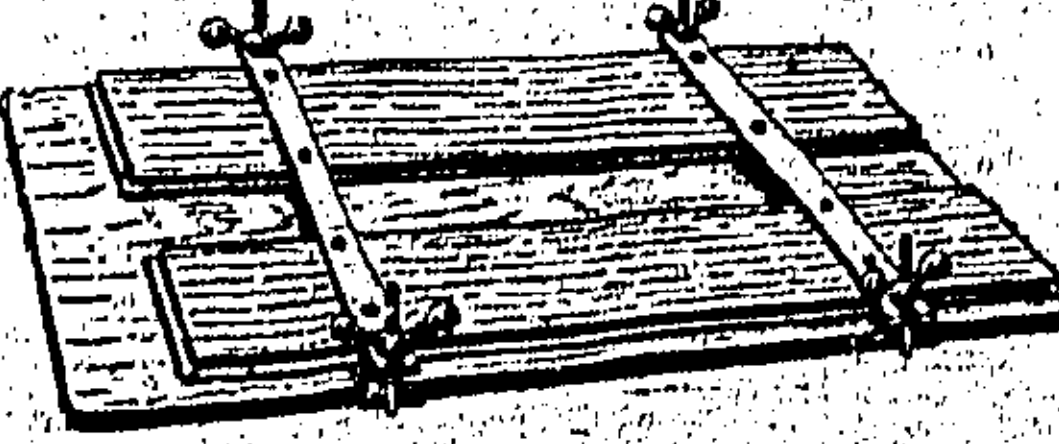
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Folies and Lucile of Paris. Fifty per-
cent of woman's charm is her hair,
Mlle. Maitre has declared.



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SIR SAMUEL HOARE



J. HAMILTON LEWIS

Harold McCormick and his wife, Ganna Walska, opera star,
monopolised desirable guests at Biarritz. Sir Samuel Hoare is to be
a passenger on the first complete flight from London to Karachi. A
union of the Americans to offset the League of Nations is urged by
Mr. J. Hamilton Lewis.



Wayne E. Wheeler, general coun-
sel for the Anti-Saloon League,
smiled broadly after a visit to Pre-
sident Coolidge.



At the left is Howard P. Savage, a former Army Lieutenant, who
is the new National Commander of the American Legion and his pre-
decessor, John R. Quigg.



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CLAIRE SUGG WANDLING

Robert W. Lyons, Indianapolis attorney, and Robert E. McNay,
of Indianapolis, gave information about the Ku Klux Klan in Senator
James Reed's investigation. Colonel William Boyce Thompson,
copper magnate, has been seriously ill. Claire Sugg Wandling,
heiress, is separated from her husband, S. V. Wandling, a policeman.



This shows rescue workers carrying out and identifying the bodies of men killed in the
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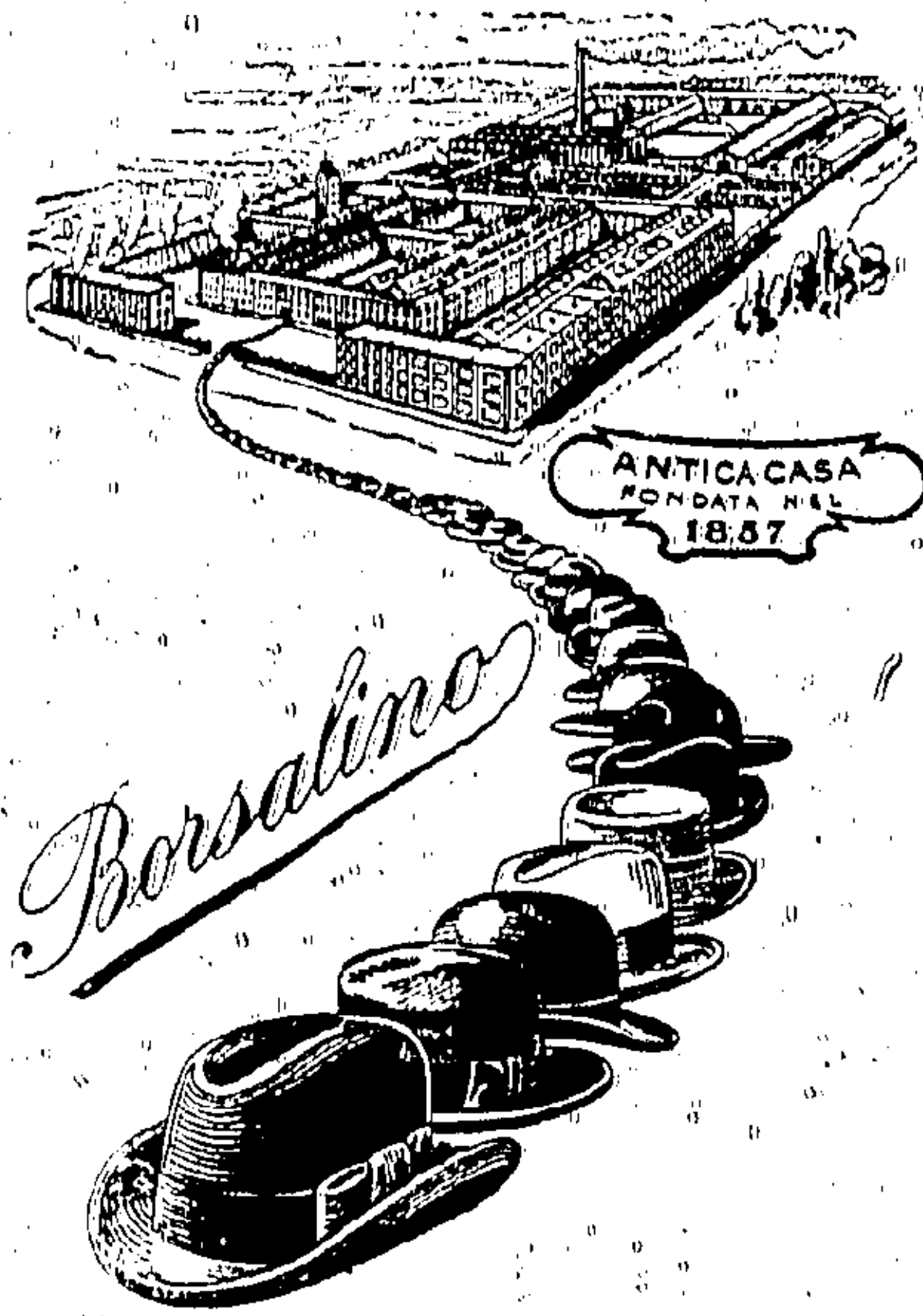
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SEIGMUND'S PAGE

Names of Brilliant People.

In a recent issue of "T.P.'s and Cassell's Weekly," there were published lists of the brilliant men and women of various countries. Articles of the sort are sure to find favour with the public, and so I think my Hong Kong friends may also be interested in this little bit of general information.

Mr. Alfred Bootes (Tonbridge) submitted the following list of Kentish worthies:—

William Caxton, Henry the Eighth, Sir Thomas Wyatt, Christopher Marlowe, John Lyly, Sir Philip Sidney, William Hazlitt, Admiral Sir George Rooke, Christopher Smart, Richard Lovelace, William Adams (the first Englishman to visit Japan), General Wolfe, General Gordon, Earl French of Ypres, William Harvey (the discoverer of the circulation of the blood), Richard Barham, Robert Bridges, Edmund Waller, Walter de la Mare, and H. G. Wells.

Mr. G. H. Lawson (Swindon) sent the following roll of claim for Suffolk:—

Cardinal Wolsey, Archbishop Sancroft, Thomas Scrope, John Bale, George Crabbe, Edward Fitzgerald, Arthur Young, Earl Howard of Surrey, Richard Sibbes, Robert Bloomfield, Sir Simon D'Ewes, John Ludgate, Bernard Barton and Bishop Grosseteste.

Mr. G. Downie (South Shields) sent the following names of Northumberland worthies:—

George Stephenson, Lord Armstrong, Sir G. B. Airy (the famous astronomer), Sir T. Wemyss Reid, Wilfred (the ecclesiastic), and T. M. Richardson.

A Devon reader, instanced W. L. Courtney, H. G. Granville-Barker and Francis Gribble.

More information may be gained by referring to "Men Of The West," a pictorial "Who's Who" published by Claude Stacey, at four guineas. It contains skeleton biographies of people who have won fame and distinction from the counties of Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Wilts, Dorset and Gloucester.

"Come Not to Me."

This is the title of this little poem by A. G. D. Hoard. It contains in its simplicity a force which is at the same time, both sublime and appealing.

Come not to me
On bended knee,
With courtly bow or grace;
With crown or sword,
A princely lord
Of noble pomp and place.

Come not to me
With prayer or plea,
Or dreams of lofty fate;
Love does not need
To pray or plead,
For love alone is great.

For what thou art
Take this my heart,
Once and without recall;
In life, in death,
One soul, one breath—
Love that is all in all.

All the Difference.

Man in a derby hat: "Say, old boy, I thought you said that the young lady I met last night could sing beautifully."

Second "ditto": "I told you nothing of the sort. I only said she was a beautiful singer."

Dennison Craft.

During the last two weeks, local ladies have had the opportunity of being instructed in the new and interesting arts afforded by the "Dennison" Company through Mrs. C. Darlington Wilson, their personal representative. With the use of Dennison products, many ingenious and useful articles may be made from crepe paper and paper rope; and decorating by the employment of ceiling wax and painting can also be learned.

Enthusiastic students of all ages have been visiting Messrs. Der A. Wing & Co.'s showrooms on Des Voeux Road Central, where they have been taught the arts. Some have attained great proficiency in this new pastime, and have declared that it is a thing of inexhaustible delight and fascination. As a writer in the Sunday paper puts it, "The Dennison craft has come to stay."

Articles may be made for private use or for presentation to friends, but they can also be sold for money. Thus, one's spare time may be turned into silver

without having to drudge very hard to get it. In view of this, and because it is so very pleasant and artistic, it may be indulged in by members of the stronger sex as well as the fair ones, and it need not be feared that in so doing they will appear rather effeminate. In America, everybody goes in for "Dennison."

They will bring on any latent creative talent that may be present in anybody, and children too will have ample opportunity in this to show their ability, and to train their minds to be eloquent in taste, thereby gaining the knowledge to be able to recognise and appreciate all that is beautiful.

The Man of Discipline.

Regimental, Sergeant-Major (approaching Colonel): "Sir, Private O'Halloran has just swallowed some buttons and a couple of bullets."

Colonel: Great heavens! Where is he?

"In the guard-room, sir."

"Well, what have you done about it?"

R.S.M.: "Well, sir, I've just read through the King's Regulations, and I couldn't find a way there as to how we could get 'im!"

Famous Sayings.

"Love conquers all."—Byron (*Childe Harold*.)

"I love everything that's old: old friends, old times, old manners, old books, old wine."—Oliver Goldsmith (*She Stoops To Conquer*.)

"Courage scorns the death it cannot shun."—Dryden (*The Conquest Of Granada*.)

"To prepare for war is not the best way to prevent war."—Major-General John F. O'Ryan.

"Murder is illegitimate as a recreation and contemptible as a trade."—Robert Lynd.

"Women are finding economic independence an aid to domestic happiness."—Miss Nell Donnelly.

The Chinese Drama.

Like French, Swedish, German and other works of literature, those of the Chinese should stand a very good chance of being translated into English for world circulation, for English is the universal tongue. Especially so, the drama of the Chinese. There are in some of the plays a very high literary standard, and there are often some very good stories. The quality which is really lacking is adaptability. The Chinese play usually consists of a long series of scenes, some of which do not last even for five minutes. Then there are far too many a-sides, which is now considered a very serious fault, because they tend to make the play lack reality. Thirdly, there are the inevitable and ridiculous methods employed when interpreting a horse-ride, a boat, a doorway, and so forth. But if such faults are eliminated and the plays written in a style as modern Western plays are written, and the general atmosphere and action made more life-like, then there can be no reason why the Chinese drama cannot win world-wide recognition and admiration. More than just this, it means, that if the public of the country supports the idea, foreign plays can be produced in China in a suitable and popular form for the benefit of Chinese audiences. The West will then be able to share in the intellectual wisdom of the East and vice versa. What extensive good this interchange of thought may effect cannot very well be estimated. Why has not a scholar who is well-versed in both foreign and Chinese languages and literatures ever thought of

accomplishing a little of this great task as an incentive for others to follow suit? For after all, it will be a noteworthy contribution to the welfare of all countries concerned.

Hymn for the Season.

The following poem is by J. Logie Robertson, and appeared in the "London Graphic."

Thine is the right to rule us all,

Thine is the power to save;

Plant in our hearts Thy heavenly law,

And bless us with the love.

Thou wilt not let us wander far,

Nor from Thy presence stray;

At night Thou art our folding star,

And leadst us forth by day.

Sweet Shepherd, tho' at times the blast

Howls high above the plains,

Thou wilt conduct us all at last

Where peace eternal reigns.

Alike to Thee the day, the morn,

Alike Thy care for all;

Thy love is over all Thy work,

No ill shall us befall.

The Great War's Losses.

The appealing sacrifices of human life made by France during the war were presented in a very vivid form by M. Gaston Cadoux, a former president of the Statistical Society of Paris, in a study of statistics of the war losses of the various belligerents. M. Cadoux says that if France's 1,363,000 killed and missing were to rise from their resting places and march past the Arc de Triomphe in column of fours at the rate of 10,500 men an hour, the procession would last for 6 days and 5 nights. A table giving proportion of dead and missing to population shows that French losses were the heaviest of all, being equal to 1 in 23 of the total population. Germany lost 1 in 35, Austria-Hungary 1 in 50, Great Britain 1 in 66, and Italy 1 in 79. The United States had the lowest percentage with 1 in 2,000. While the population of France on the outbreak of the war were 39,600,000 souls, it had fallen by nearly 400,000 in 1921, in spite of the recovery of Alsace and Lorraine.

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In spite of economic depression, trade strikes, the circulating library habit and the common notion that "nobody orders books nowadays," 496 more books were published in 1925 than in 1924. The total was 13,202, compared with 12,706 in 1924. Fiction heads the list with 2,769, but there has actually been a decrease in the number of novels issued.—Daily Mail Year Book.

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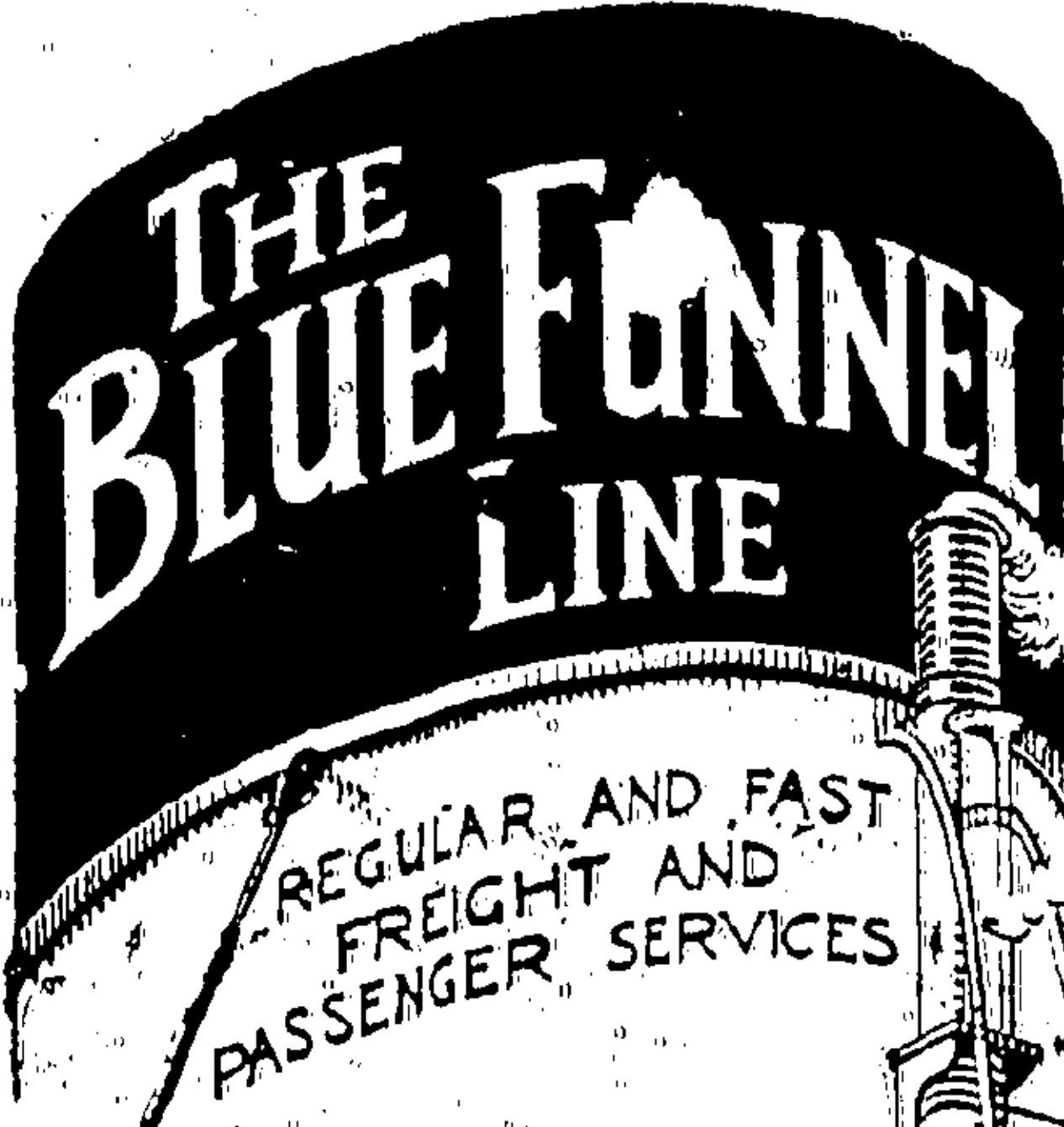
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ITALY'S AIMS.

The Crying Need For Expansion.

MUSSOLINI'S STATEMENT.

Barriers Between East and West.

Rome, Dec. 17.
 Signor Mussolini, interviewed, emphasised that French and Italian agreement was one of the fundamental necessities of European evolution.

His guiding idea was the necessity of satisfying Italy's crying need for moral, spiritual and physical expansion by means of a pacific, not a pacifist policy, but that in no wise was incompatible with friendship and co-operation with other nations. Signor Mussolini urged the necessity of abandoning the tendency to regard Asiatics as barbarians, and expressed the opinion that the so-called Asiatic peril would cease when the barrier between Eastern and Western mentalities had been broken down.

He advocated the continual re-establishment of the balance of power as the best formula for the maintenance of peace.—Reuter.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

LATEST LISTS IN THE "GAZETTE."

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Edward Lewis Akassit to be Official Receiver in Bankruptcy, with effect from December 6.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Edward Irvine Wynne-Jones to be District Officer in the Southern District of the New Territories.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Walter Schofield to act as Second Police Magistrate, with effect from December 15.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Private Alistair Mackenzie to be Second Lieutenant in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from December 14.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Subedar (acting Subedar Major) Dhanna Singh, 5/2nd Punjab Regiment, to be one of his Honorary Aides-de-Camp, in succession to Subedar Major and Hon. Captain Faza Khan, Sirdar Bahadur, with effect from December 14.

SMALL DEBTS.

NEW TERRITORIES COURT.

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LADIES' GOLF NOTICE.

In connection with the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, a prize has been presented for a Bogey Competition restricted to Nursing Sisters, School Teachers and any other ladies whose occupation prevents them from entering on ordinary competition.

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OIL TRIAL VERDICT.

CONTRASTED NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

"SCANDALOUS IMPROPRIETY."

New York, Dec. 17.
 Newspaper comments on the acquittal of Albert B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior, and El L. Doheny, the oil magnate, who were charged with conspiracy, are tinged by political bias.

The Republican "Herald Tribune" rejoices in the acquittal as a wholesome corrective to sensationalism and a triumph for the jury system. The paper admits that the result is far from being a clean bill of health for Fall, but thinks the jury could not ignore the patriotic motives behind the Doheny contract, or the fact that the country benefited by the transaction in the swift construction of oil tanks at Honolulu.

The paper also thinks that Doheny's character as a pioneering American type influenced the jury in his favour. On the other hand the Democratic "New York Times" declares that the charges were notoriously hard to prove, and the people of the United States who constitute the larger jury feel that a scandalous impropriety, if not technically a crime, has been committed.—Reuter's American Service.

EMPIRE UNITY.

CONSTITUTIONAL SYSTEMS COMPARED.

Rugby, Dec. 17.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Amery, reviewing the work of the Imperial Conference, said it had removed certain internal political difficulties in some Dominions, and had strengthened inter-Imperial relations.

In accordance with past procedure, the Balfour Report on those relations had not attempted to lay down a constitution but generally to consider how it had developed. The British system was, entirely different from the federal system, and the Conference revealed that in the Empire Councils the constitutional conception was evolving, namely that of unity which worked from within giving absolute freedom to each part, and which was not less effective than other forms of unity imposed from without by the constitutional federal scheme. Empire co-operation by conference and consultation extended to every aspect of national life, migration, social questions, research, communications, and mutual preference—a far wider field than that of any union which was solely for defence and security against the outside world.—British Wireless Service.



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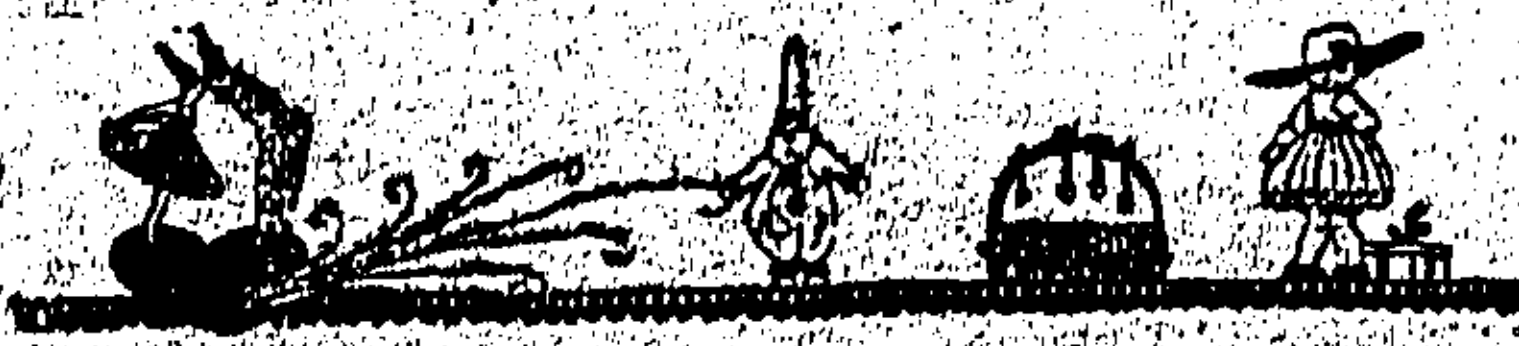
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